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On Saturday, £22,000 can be won – £20,000 in the weekly competition and £2,000 in the daily.

Gun battle traps 500 in Bogotá

Left wing guerrillas dressed as police occupied Colombia's Palace of Justice and opened fire with sub-machine-guns, killing two people. Up to 500 people were believed trapped in the building in the centre of Bogotá as troops and police exchanged fire with gunmen.

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TUC tells NUM to co-operate with coal board

By Donald Macintyre, Labour Editor

The TUC told the National Union of Mineworkers yesterday that the new breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers is now solidly based and has a potential for expansion.

It also said that the National Coal Board can only enter new markets if it elimiates "high cost capacity" and that TUC help in healing the breach between the NUM and the board would depend on the union's willingness to co-operate.

These warnings were contained in a confidential document circulated to the TUC's inner cabinet for its meeting with the NUM yesterday.

The 56-paragraph paper paints a startlingly frank picture of the problems facing the NUM, including what it calls the "grim background" of a declining coal market.

The document goes markedly further than anything produced by the TUC since the beginning of the year-long coal strike in March last year in challenging some of the basic assumptions of the NUM during the dispute and in asserting that it needs "very urgently" to recover control of its funds and "the ability to use them" if it is to function effectively.

The paper, broadly accepted by the TUC's finance and general purposes committee and which formed the basis of Mr Norman Willis's calmly delivered comments to the NUM executive at yesterday's meeting, begins by saying that the "mining industry is in a state of acute crisis".

Its assessment of the new union is that it has a solid base in Nottinghamshire. It points out that unlike the bitterly controversial breakaway union formed by George Spencer after the 1926 miner's strike, it enjoys majority support in the county.

It goes on to say that as well as attracting miners in pits such as Agecroft, Lancashire and Daw Mill, Warwickshire, where most men worked during the strike, it also has the ability to attract other pitmen in highly productive collieries because of its commitment ot high bonus earnings.

It says that pits in this category are to "be found in every NCB area and they are likely to be a rarget for the UDM". It adds: "In these circumstances there seems to be limited scope, if any, for a further campaign to be mounted by the NUM supported by the TUC against the new organization."

Yesterday's meeting agreed that there should be further talks between officials of the TUC and the NUM but the paper says that before the inner cabinet considers whether there is scope for conciliation it needs to estabish "whether and to what extent" the NUM executive would respond.

The paper begins by sketching a bleak picture of the coal industry's market and the very substantial loss of manpower since the beginning of the strike.

It points out that total energy consumption in 1983 was between 22 per cent and 36 per cent down on the assumptions made in the 1977 Plan for Coal on which NCB policy is based and that the recent picture for the industry is one of "an *acceleration of decline*".

It also points out that by last month total manpower was down 15.7 per cent since February 1984 and that the "numerical strength of the NUM has weakened considerably".

It is bluntly critical of the NUM's "lack of full participation" in the TUC energy committee's work and in particular of its steadfast opposition to nuclear power.

It says: "Other energy unions recognize the NUM's legitimate fears about nuclear power but find it difficult to give support to the NUM's campaign to save jobs in the coal industry when the NUM is actively campaigning against jobs in other industries."

The concluding section of the paper says that the NUM faces a "stark choice". One is for an industry based on new pits and new capacity. On such a basis, it argues, the coal industry could "compete easily" with expensive nuclear power. The question for both the TUC and NUM is how to ensure that miners are "represented by a single union".

It says that the other option is a "frightening one" but nevertheless a possibility, "especially if a Conservative government were returned".

The paper says that the French are "closing their coal industry altogether" and that profitable British pits could be privatized or the coal industry run down to "negligilbe pro-

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Cabinet to hit targets on spending

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

The Cabinet will today agree to keep within existing public spending plans next year, after deals between the Treasury and spending departments. The £139 billion target for 1986-87 has, however, been arrived at only after a reduction in the reserve and a big boost to asset sales.

The Treasury has reached a compromise with Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for the Environment, over his demand for £600 million of extra spending to improve the council housing stock next year.

A rise in the housing budget of around £250 million is expected to be approved by the Cabinet today. There are signs too that the Treasury may permit councils to plough back into the housing stock the proceeds of council flat sales.

The other main compromise is on child benefit. Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services, has fought off Treasury demands for a freeze. The increases, which bring child benefit up to £7 this month, will be less than the rate of inflation over the next three years.

The Chancellor's autumn statement, next Tuesday, will contain big changes in projected asset sales and the reserve.

City estimates suggest that state sell-offs next year, including the first tranche of British Gas, British Airways and the third payment on British Telecom shares, could add up to £5 billion, compared with existing plans for asset sales of just £2.2 billion.

Next week's statement is likely to be cautious but will include an asset sales target of at least £4 billion.

Legion toll rises

An additional three cases of Legionnaire's disease, all linked with the three-year-old £50 million phase one building of Glasgow Royal Infirmary, were confirmed yesterday, bringing the total to eight.

Jaruzelski resigns as Polish premier

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

General Jaruzelski, the Polish leader who imposed martial law and banned Solidarity, yesterday stepped down as Prime Minister and handed over the reins of government to his deputy. It was the most important government reshuffle since the military crackdown in the winter of 1981.

Wearing civilian clothes and reading stiffly from notes, the General told the inaugural session of the Polish Parliament that his choice as successor was Professor Zbigniew Messner, aged 56, the Deputy Premier and Politburo member. Professor Messner, an economist, effectively runs the Cabinet in the General's absence and is his close ally.

After initial confusion when the electronic voting system made it seem as if three deputies had voted against Professor Messner, he was unanimously declared chairman of the Council of Ministers, or *Prime Minister*. Professor Messner, who did not seem very surprised, stood to acknowledge the vote, though with some difficulty as he wears a plastic brace since breaking his back a year ago.

General Jaruzelski had been Prime Minister since February *1981. He retains the main* power in a Communist state, that of Party Chief. Yesterday he was also elected Chairman of the Council of State, a kind of collective residency which means that he will be the effective head of state. Parliament will consider a draft law creating the role of presidency and it is assumed that the General will take over this position.

Professor Messner will outline his government composition and policies at a session on November 12. The day before a meeting of the Communist Party Central Committee will also change the composition of the Politburo. The idea of the whole shift of power is to tackle more efficiently the country's crippling economic problems.

General Jaruzelski hopes that by making an economist head of government and bringing more economists closer to the centre of power, a more technocratic approach to the economy will be ushered in, a combination of tighter work discipline and profit-orientated reforms.

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Yurchenko prepares for return to Russia

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Mr Vitaly Yurchenko, the KGB agent, was last night preparing to return to the Soviet Union after satisfying United States authorities that he was doing so voluntarily and without coercion.

President Reagan said yesterday he was perplexed by the actions of three Soviet men who apparently took refuge with United States officials and then changed their minds. "You *can't rule out that this might* have been a deliberate ploy, a manoeuvre."

At the same time, "You just have to accept that we did our best," in giving the men, including Mr Yurchenko, a chance to stay in the United States.

The other men are Miroslav Medvid, a merchant seaman, who jumped ship in New Orleans twice, and Aleksander Sukharnov, who spent four days in the American embassy in Kabul.

Mr Reagan said: "I think it's awfully easy for any American to be perplexed by anyone that would live in the United States and would prefer to live in Russia."

The information provided by *Mr Yurchenko was not new or* sensational.

Mr Yurchenko was interviewed at the State Department on Tuesday and was offered the chance to go home "as soon as possible," and left for the Soviet embassy.

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Parliament opens to clash on order Bill



The Queen arriving at the House of Lords yesterday

Drive on crime at heart of Tory programme

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

Notice of fresh sales of state assets, a promise of more cuts in income tax, and an angry dispute between Government and Opposition over responsibility for crime, marked the opening day of the new Session of Parliament yesterday.

The legislation may prove both the most important and the most contentious will be contained in the Public Order Bill, which will strengthen police powers to deal with riots, unlawful assemblies and demonstrations, and make stricter the offence of incitement to racial hatred.

The main provisions are causing the Opposition parties concern, while the incitement clauses seem likely to arouse the hostility of the Conservative right wing

When the Commons met to debate the Government's programme, outlined in the Queen's Speech at the State Opening, Mr Neil Kinnock tried to take the high ground before the coming battle over law and order.

Unemployment and poverty were not the sole causes of crime, and were no excuse for it, he said. But no rational person could believe that the 40 per cent rise in crime in six years of Consevative government, at the same time as the rise in unemployment, was coincidental.

The Prime Minister, who failed to command the attention of the House for much of her speech, roused the Conservatives in her closing passage when she said that Labour was trying to have it both ways.

"A party leadership which stands by while sections of their party undefmine the police cannot be taken seriously when they talk of support for the law". Mrs Thatcher said. Labour professed supoort for the police while its conference passed anti-police motions and- cheered descriptions of the police as the *enemy*. She added that Mr Kinnock, while condemning the words of the leader of Haringey council about the police, continued to endorse him as a paliamentary candidate.

The economic core of the employment by more privatization and deregulation and the enhanced competition and therefore efficiency which the believes must follow.

British Gas and the British Airports Authority are the most prominent bits of the public sector up for sale. The Gas Bill; which Labour will fight, will give gas consumers and small investors special chances to buy shares on flotation.

The most surprising piece of deregulation will be the Shops Bill, which the churches and the shopworkers' unions dislike but the big retailers welcome, to remove restrictions on Sunday and other opening hours.

Ministers expect trouble from many Tory backbenchers over this measure, and they are risking more indignation by introducing it in the House of Lords where the bishops will lead the charge against it. Mrs Thatcher said in the Commons yesterday in her most ringing tones that the present law was indefensible and that it was right to give people the choice.

A Bill popular with all Tories, also put forward in the name of freedom, will help bring private capital into decaying council estates, and help tenants of council flats to buy them.

A third major Bill from the Home Office will stamp heavily on drug pushers, creating a new offence of handling the proceeds of trafficking, and creating a presumption in law that anyone convicted of trafficking had derived all his assets from that source. The Social Security Bill will implement the reviews of benefits and pensions

Mr Kinnock's speech yesterday was one of his most effective parliamentary efforts, polished wit giving way to severe criticism. He complained that the Government's programme offered nothing to help the economy and employment.

Mrs Thatcher replied that, whatever the problems, Mr Kinnock had no solution. Labour's pledges of extra expenditure, made since Mr Kinnock had become leader, were the most reckless policies ever made.

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The main Bills: Law and order: strengthening police powers on public order, along with new offence of disorderly conduct; confiscation of drug trafficking proceeds.
Privatization: sale of British Gas; Atomic Energy Authority to be given greater financial independence; commercial management of Royal Naval dockyards; sale of public sector flats to tenants; introduction of private capital into British Airports Authority.
Deregulation: removal of restrictions on Sunday trading; reform of wages councils; wider private management of council estates.
Social security: reform of pensions, housing benefit, supplementary benefit.
Financial services: new regulatory framework for the City; widening the services offered by building societies.
Education: teacher appraisal by local authorities.
Home affairs: tighter controls on the use of live animals in scientific experiments.

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Government pledges big tax cuts

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

The Government intends to use the proceeds of the accelerated privatization programme to make big cuts in income tax over the next three years.

The Queen's Speech committed the Government to 'further reductions in the burden of income tax", concealing a vigorous debate over how this should be achieved.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, wants to cut the basic income tax rate of 30p in the pound to 25p by the next election, belatedly honouring a 1979 pledge.

However, Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Employment, wants any tax reductions to focus on allowances and thresholds, boosting work incentives for the lower paid.

The Government's autumn economic statement next week will confirm that public spending is to be held constant in real terms over the next three years. Its share of gross domestic product, as a result of growth elsewhere in the economy, will decline to less than 40 per cent by the next election, from its present level of about 42 per cent.

The Government remains committed to reducing inflation through "firm monetary and fiscal policies". In the next few months there should be little difficulty in achieving this, with inflation on course to fall to 4 per cent or less by the middle of next year.

Most independent forecasters expect that, under pressure of strongly rising wages, inflation will rise again in the second half of next year.



Lord Young: urging work incentives

Tough laws sought on public order

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Tough public order measures in the Queen's Speech yesterday are to be introduced as a key part of the Government's strategy before the next election.

With law and order being seen as the "Falklands factor" that could give the Conservatives a chance of power, measures intended to answer perceived needs in tackling disturbances are bound to have wide impact.

However, Mr Douglas Hurd, The Home Secretary, later rejected suggestions that the Government hoped to turn law and order into a vote-winning issue.

"It is not the Government that has put this at the top of the agenda, it is events," he said on BBC Radio's *World At One*

"It is the events of the miners' strike, the Libyan Embassy siege and, most recently, the riots in the cities."

Four main types of trouble have prompted Government measures on public order. The first has been the violent outcome of public assemblies, including pickets.

Under the new measures, the police would be able to impose conditions on their location, numbers and duration. Police decisions to impose conditions on demonstrations would be open to challenge in the courts.

Football trouble would be tackled by the imposition of conditions on "assembly."

On riots, the Government believes that the common law offences of riot, rout, unlawful assembly and affray should be replaced with statutory offences.

The offence of riot, which would carry a maximum penalty of 10 years' imprisonment and a fine, would be reserved for very serious cases.

The fourth kind of trouble involves racial hatred. The Government has decided that the present offence of incitment to racial hatred should be recast to penalize conduct which is either likely to stir up racial hatred or is intended to do so.

The drive against drugs by Government, police and customs officers will be increased by measures allowing the seizure of millions of pounds made by traffickers.

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FINAL REMINDER

If you missed The Times' revealing survey of Swindon, you can still get a reprint – but hurry. Contact: Douglas Smith, Industrial Adviser, Civic Offices, Swindon. Tel (0793) 26161 or telex 444449.

Police join forces to investigate attacks on women

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

An intensive police inquiry stretching from London to the West Country began yesterday after the murder of a prostitute, the abduction of a woman on the M4 motorway and a series of rapes.

Although the police will not say whether they believe the incidents were committed by one man, a Scotland Yard spokesman said that there were sufficient similarities to justify a joint investigation under a coordinating senior officer.

The operation was announced after a meeting in South London of senior detectives from the Yard, Wiltshire and Surrey. The coordinating officer has yet to be named but he will have the rank of an assistant chief constable or his equivalent.

Each force will run its own team of detectives coordinated by the police national computer.

The police said they were investigating another possible attack in Banstead, Surrey, after a teenage girl told them she had been raped after being picked up by a motorist. No date for the attack was given.

The similarities between the various attacks include the estimated age of the attacker, his description, details of his dress, the type of vehicle he used and the conversation he had with the women involved in each incident.

The man is said to be aged between 20 and 30, of medium build and about 5ft 10ins in height. He is thought to have worn a leather jacket and driven a light coloured saloon.

The incidents started with the rape, at knifepoint, of a girl aged 19 on the A24 near Ashtead, Surrey, on October 19.

Last weekend, a woman aged 40 was abducted from her car after it was rammed on the M4 near Chippenham, and driven handcuffed into London in a light coloured Audi car. She was transferred to another car in South Norwood, raped then dumped on Sunday morning near Victoria Station.

In the latest incident on Monday, a prostitute named yesterday as Miss Jacqueline Murray, aged 22, was killed with a single blast from a shotgun as she was being driven along Park Lane late at night.

She and another prostitute were picked up by a man in a light coloured car who activated the central locking system and produced handcuffs and a shot gun. The shooting occurred as the two women tried to escape.

Detective Chief Superintendent, Michael Purchase, in charge of the shooting investigation, said the dead woman came from Yorkshire and had been working in London for about 18 months. Her family did not know she had been working as a prostitute.

Mr Purchase said she had left behind a silver fox fur coat, a handbag and a blue stiletto shoe when she was fatally wounded from the car in Hyde Park. He said if any of the items were found by the public, they should contact the police immediately.

The second woman, whose identity is being kept secret, has apparently told the police that the gunman had a southern accent, possibly from London, although not a clear Cockney. The man who attacked the woman aged 40 is said to have had a similar accent.

Telecom 'upper limit' price rises attacked by watchdog

By Jeremy Warner, Business Correspondent

British Telecom was criticized yesterday by the Office of Telecommunications (Oftel), the watchdog organization for increasing its prices by the maximum allowed under the law.

Professor Bryan Carsberg, Oftel's Director General of Telecommuncations, said in a BBC radio interview that he hoped in future BT would make more modest increases "in its own commercial interests".

He said that some of the benefits of increased efficiency at British Telecom were already being passed on to the consumer, but he expected prices to reflect cost savings "more fully in future".

Price increases announced last month, two weeks after the company had disclosed a 39 per cent increase in profits for the first quarter to £443 million, were described by the consumer group, Telecommunications Users' Association, as a gross abuse of monopoly power.

But Professor Carsberg emphasized yesterday that British Telecom had conformed with the permitted limit of 3 per cent below the rate of inflation.

"The pricing formula was designed to provide a protection to consumers and at the same time encourage BT to achieve greater efficiency by allowing it to keep profits resulting from that efficiency. "However, this formula is in place only for a period of five years after which it will be re-assessed," he said.

"At that time I expect a new formula to be adopted which would ensure a fair proportion of the benefits of BT's increased efficiency would be passed on to consumers."

A representative residential subscriber who was a light user of the telephone would experience an increase of about 8.6 per cent, about 1.6 per cent above the level of inflation.

A moderate user's bill would increase by about 7 per cent

Anguish in wake of Ptarmigan defeat

By Rodney Cowton
Defence Correspondent

There was private anguish and public silence in London yesterday in government and industrial circles over the failure to win the £3 billion contract to supply a new battlefield communications system to the United States Army.

This came after the announcement on Tuesday by the Pentagon that the contract was to be placed with a consortium led by the American GTE Corporation and the French company, Thomson CSF, for the RITA system which is in service with the French Army.

Most attention was focussed on the fact that the defeated bid by the Rockwell Corporation and the Plessey company with the British Ptarmigan system had been $3 billion (£2 billion) higher in cost than the winning bid.

Having expressed disappointment at the American decision on Tuesday, Plessey would say only that until details of both bids were available it would not be in a position to make any further comment.

It was, however, said that Rockwell as prime contractor was responsible for the design of the system, which had been agreed with the United States Army.

As is normal American practice, both the winning and losing consortia are expected to be fully briefed on the factors that led to the decision.

There was some suggestion in London that in judging the two bids the US Army had not been comparing like with like, and that Rockwell and Plessey might have been given different specifications from those given to GTE and Thompson CSF.

In Government circles incredulity was expressed at the size of the price differential which had been disclosed in the Pentagon's announcement.

It had been thought recently that there might be a price disadvantage of up to 20 per cent to overcome, but certainly not anything like the 70 per cent the Pentagon disclosed.

It is not clear whether Mrs Thatcher, when she interceded with President Reagan in support of the Ptarmigan system, had any realization that the price difference was very large. Some sources doubted that she would have intervened, at least in the way she did, if she had known how big the gap was.

● Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, who is on a visit to Malaysia, declined to comment yesterday on the Ptarmigan deal (Alan Hamilton writes from Kuala Lumpur).

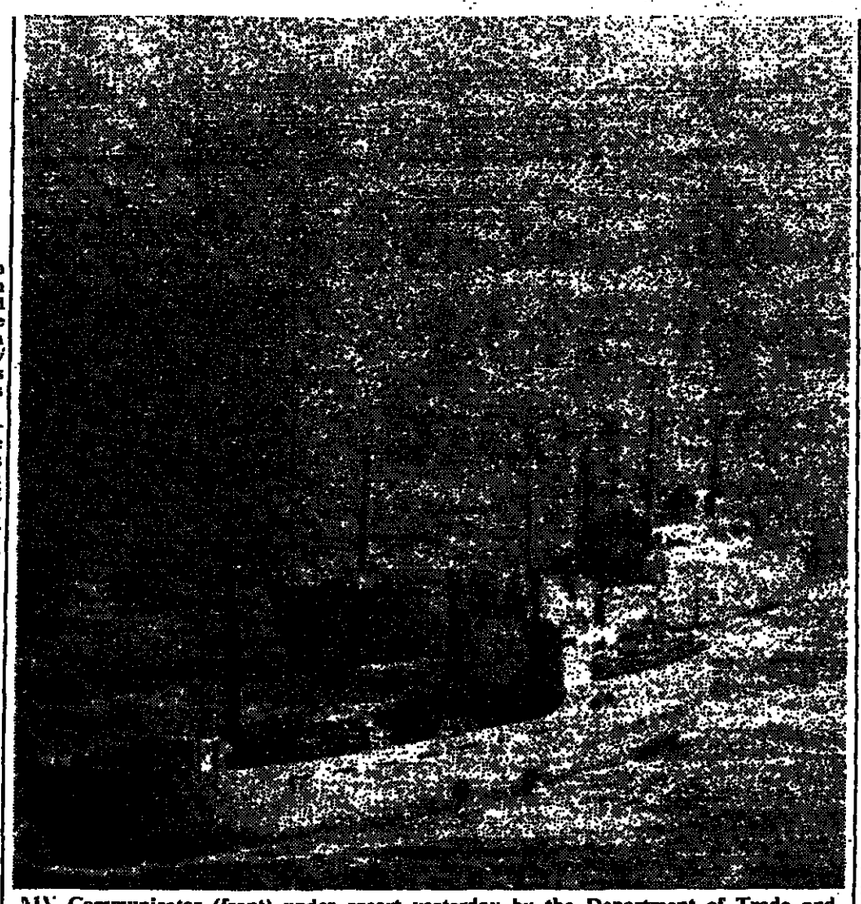
He let it be known, however, that he was deeply disappointed

Senior Ministry of Defence officials travelling with Mr Heseltine are puzzled and annoyed that the British bid so singularly failed to match the French package.

● While France is delighted that the United States has finally opted for RITA it never really doubted that it would get the contract.

M Paul Quilès the defence minister, said that Mr Caspar Weinberger, his American opposite number, had assured him that the French system had been chosen not only because it was cheaper, but also better.

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MV Communicator (front) under escort yesterday by the Department of Trade and Industry's ship Gardline Tracker.

Disabled pirate radio ship gives up

The captain of a private radio ship last night asked for police protection as the vessel limped into Harwich, Essex, with a total electrical failure.

Laser 558, one of two pirate stations operating from the Knock Deep channel 17 miles off the Essex coast, had gone off the air earlier yesterday after the ship's main generator blew up.

The ship, the MV Communication, sent out a distress call by Citizen's band radio because its own was out of action. offers of help from a Department of Trade and Industry ship, Gardline Tracker, which was blockading the pirate ships to prevent supplies from being delivered, were refused at first.

Then, when it was realized the pop ship was in danger of sinking in a Force Nine gale, the skipper asked the DTI ship to assist.

Crew members and Laser staff were said to be on the brink of quitting the 433-ton ship over pay and conditions. Disc jockeys and technicians claimed they had not been paid for months and promises of fresh food supplies from Spain had failed to materialize.

Prospect of early end to schools dispute

By Lucy Hodges
Education Correspondent

Hopes for an end to the teachers' pay dispute improved again yesterday when the second biggest union, the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, told its members it would go for a "negotiated interim settlement" to be put to a ballot of all members.

With the help of the other smaller unions, the NAS/UWT is now able to decide the course of the nine-month-old dispute because the National Union of Teachers no longer has a majority on the Burnham negotiating committee.

At the first meeting of the reconstituted teachers' panel on Monday, the unions are expected to call on the employers to resuscitate their 6.9 per cent offer, staged so that teachers receive 7.5 per cent next March. They aim to put pressure on the local authorities to improve the 7.5 per cent end-of-year figure.

Mr Fred Smithies, general secretary of the NAS/UWT, said in a report to his 127,000 members yesterday that his priority was to get more money for teachers, and that meant a return to negotiations. "We owe it to teachers, still struggling along on 1984 salaries, to get the best deal we can for 1985."

This deal would be interim only, he emphasized. After it was struck, the union intended to begin talks on a new salary structure package. Its pay claim for 1986-87 has already been formulated but will not be divulged before next Monday. The claim will be the subject of a special salary conference on January 18.

Members of the NAS/UWT will not only be voting on a settlement, but on whether industrial action should continue.

140 lifted to safety off rig in North Sea

By Ronald Faux

Engineers were yesterday trying to relocate three anchors that slipped in storm force winds on Tuesday night and necessitated an emergency airlift of 140 crew from the supporting Tharos in the North Sea.

The rig under contract to BP Petroleum Development in BP's Forties Field, was yesterday under control and expected to move to sheltered water some time today.

The precautionary evacuation to neighbouring platforms in the Forties Field of all but a skeleton crew from the Tharos was made smoothly and without injury in the fierce winds. Two RAF helicopters from Lossiemouth, a British Caledonian helicopter from Aberdeen and a coast guard helicopter based in Kirkwall carried out the operation.

Captain Andre Beckett and Senior First Officer Ian Maryan, flying the British Caledonian Bell helicopter, said at Aberdeen airport yesterday that the winds were 10 mph above the normal operational maximum.

When the aircraft touched down on the helicopter pad a rope was fixed between the helicopter and the stairwell of the rig to allow the crew to pull themselves across the deck in the face of the strong winds. Conditions were among the worst they has seen.

Mother's appeal dismissed

Miss Dionne Hickling, aged 18, yesterday lost the latest round in her fight to be reunited with her daughter, Jessica, aged 11 months.

The Court of Appeal in London dismissed her appeal against a High Court judge's refusal to order the Home Secretary to allow her to return to an open prison where she had been living with her daughter.

Miss Hickling, who is serving 12 months' youth custody for deception, was moved from Askham Grange open prison, near York – one of only three institutions with a mother-and-baby unit – to the Bullwood Hall Youth Custody Centre, in Essex, on July 24 because of her disruptive behaviour. The baby was placed in the care of York social services.

Lord Justice Eveleigh, who sat with Lord Justice O'Connor and Lord Justice Glidewell, said that Mr John Hunter, the governor of Askham Grange, had tried without success to persuade her to control her "intolerable" behaviour and had treated her "with considerable compassion."

The judges refused Miss Hickling leave to appeal to the House of Lords against yesterday's decision. Her case was supported by the National Council for Civil Liberties, which said later that a petition would be lodged at the House of Lords for leave to appeal.

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Big Tory loss in local by-elections

By Richard Evans
Lobby Reporter

The Conservatives suffered another series of thumping defeats in local council by-elections last month, losing more than half of the seats they defended.

What makes the result even more disappointing for the party is the absence of any improvement in electoral support at local level since the Conservative conference at Blackpool, in spite of favourable national opinion polls.

But the survey of October town hall by-elections, published in this week's *New Statesman*, will boost the Alliance, particularly the Social Democratic Party, whose support has slipped in recent polls.

The SDP, which normally contests less favourable territory compared with its Liberal partners, held on to one seat it was defending and made nine gains.

Labour Party fortunes also improve, particularly in the early part of the month after Mr Neil Kinnock's performance at the party conference.

The voting figures for the 39 seats where the three main parties put up candidates show Conservatives gained the largest share of votes, but that is partly due to there having been an excessive number of by-elections in Conservative areas.

The Conservatives polled 27,398 of the votes, or 36.0 per cent; the Alliance 26,974, or 35.4 per cent; Labour 20,560, or 27.0 per cent; and others 1,167, or 1.5 per cent.

LOCAL BY-ELECTION RESULTS

	Seats Defended	Seats lost	Seats gained	Seats held now
Con	30	16	0	14
Lab	16	4	7	19
Lib	6	1	8	13
SDP	1	0	9	10
Others	4	3	0	1

Douglas-Home memorial service

The memorial service for Mr Charles Douglas-Home, Editor of *The Times* 1982-85, will be held in St Paul's Cathedral on Monday, November 25, at noon. The congregation is asked to be seated by 11.45am.

NGA's threat over redundancy money

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

More than 400 National Graphical Association members at Thomson Withy Grove in Manchester have voted by 10 to one to take industrial action in defence of redundancy payments promised to them under an abortive deal in which Mirror Group Newspapers would have taken over the plant.

Printworkers belonging to Sogat '82 are expected to follow suit today in a threat which could take effect this weekend, but is more likely to be used as a bargaining counter.

If the 1,660 production personnel walk out, the northern editions of *The Mirror*, *Sunday Mirror*, *Daily Telegraph*, and *News of the World* would be halted. All 6,000 MGN staff are already under threat of dismissal if a deal to shed 2,000 jobs by the end of the month is not settled.

Both unions in Manchester are seeking to uphold an agreement in which their members received four weeks pay for each year of service instead of the statutory minimum available if the plant's owners, International Thomson, procced with a contingency plan to close the works at the end of the year.

Mr Tony Dubbins, general secretary of the NGA, said the result of the strike ballot demonstrated his members' disgust at their treatment by Thomson and their determination to ensure that their "entitlements" were honoured.

The national executive of Sogat met last night to plan its strategy over the Manchester plant and to draw up a response to News International which is seeking a legally-binding no-strike deal for its proposed evening paper, *The London Post*.

Mr Bill O'Neill, the group's chief negotiator, wants an agreement where all employees who take part in industrial action of any kind will be dismissed without right of appeal.

Mr Rupert Murdoch, chairmand of the company, has set the end of the year as the deadline for an accord for the production of the paper, which is to be printed at Wapping.

Mr Murdoch has said that if the talks prove successful, he will undertake further discussions on the transfer of *The Sun* and the *New of the World* to Wapping. Print union leaders expect that the same conditions will be sought for these titles.

Unions disagree on Liverpool solution

From Peter Davenport, Liverpool

The two largest unions representing Liverpool City Council staff are opposed on steps to be taken to resolve the financial crisis.

A meeting of 140 shop stewards from the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trade Union, which has 9,000 members on the local authority workforce, yesterday unanimously rejected the Stonefrost report that involved rent or rate rises, job losses, cuts in services or reductions in the housing programme.

But the executive of Nalgo, the second largest union with 6,000 town hall members, has enthusiastically backed the report. It says that the suggestions it contains, based on a 15 per cent rate increase, would safeguard jobs, services and the house-building programme.

It was "no longer appropriate" for the council to consider running out of money. The recommendation of the executive in backing the report is to be endorsed by mass meeting of Nalgo Members next week.

The report was compiled by four local authority treasurers for national trade union leaders. Liverpool Labour leaders claimed that solutions based on a "cornerstone" rates increase would still result in job losses.

The key to a possible solution to the crisis may lie in a meeting between councillors and the Association of Metropolitan Authorities on Monday when progress on the so-called "Blunkett initiative" – proposed by Mr David Blunkett, the Sheffield council leader – is to be discussed.

The hope is that sympathetic Labour councils will produce a transfer of boorowing powers to Liverpool of between £5 million and £10 million, which would then be used to top-up sections of the Stonefrost report that the Militant-dominated council feels it can accept.

Partial surgery for Russian boy

British doctors announced last night that they will go ahead with the first stage of surgery which could save the life of the Russian boy Yuri Sobol, aged nine months.

The complicated heart operation to restore his circulatory system to normal will be carried out at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London. Dr James Taylor said: "It is felt that he is not in a sufficiently good clinical condition or body size to undergo a complete repair at this point."

Flying casino seeks clearance

A flying casino is awaiting permission to take off in January on a charter service between Stansted and Singapore and Hong Kong.

London Express plans to equip its Boeing 747 with gaming tables and slot machines, for tour operators to incorporate into package holidays.

Mother helped in rape attack

A mother aged 40 was found guilty yesterday of aiding and abetting her husband to rape their daughter, aged 15. She stimulated him sexually to perform the rape. Bristol Crown Court was told.

The woman will be sentenced today with her husband, who has pleaded guilty to raping his daughter twice and indecently asaulting a second girl.

Vauxhall in talks over imports

By David Felton
Labour Correspondent

Vauxhall faces a ban on importation of cars from Europe by the Transport and General Workers' Union if "last ditch" talks tomorrow on increasing production at British factories fail to reach agreement.

Union officials yesterday met Mr Ron Todd, their general secretary, to complain that the company was not honouring a promise given in 1983 to increase the production of the Astra model at the Ellesmere Port plant and Cavaliers at its Luton factory.

Vauxhall made the promise, the union says, after it had imposed a similar ban that at that time threatened the launch of the new Nova model, which is imported from Spain. Thirty-eight per cent of Astras, 36 per cent of Cavaliers and all Carltons, Mantas and Senators, the latter two of which are sold under the Opel marque, are imported.

Vauxhall, a General Motors subsidiary, has been criticized by the Government for its apparent reluctance to increase production in Britain and increase the local content of its cars. The company recently announced a new model, the Belmont.

Ban on farm fatteners criticized

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

The man appointed by the European Commission to head an investigation into the use of hormone implants in farm animals has bitterly criticized Mr Frans Andriessen, the EEC Agricultural Commissioner, for agreeing prematurely to a ban on all growth promoters.

In an interview published in *Farming News*, Professor Eric Lamming accuses Mr Andriessen of giving way to pressure from a vociferous and ill-informed consumer lobby. "I never thought scientific evidence would be disregarded in favour of misinformed consumer pressure," he says.

The report by the Lamming commission, which is made up of 30 leading European scientists, has yet to be published. But the Council of Ministers is scheduled to discuss the proposed ban on November 18, and it is known to be favoured by most countries.

Professor Lamming is reported as saying that there are no scientific grounds for a ban on either natural or synthetic growth promoters; that a ban will create a huge black market; that its policing will be vastly expensive and largely impracticable; and that it will lead to higher consumer prices.

Train arsonist is jailed

A clerk who set fire to a late night Victoria-Brighton train in May, causing £480,000 damage, was jailed for 18 months yesterday.

Anthony Waller, aged 21, of Hillside, Southwick, West Sussex, told Lewes Crown Court he had started the fire, after drinking none pints of lager after a football match, because he was "bored".

Fish sanctuary

An artificial reef made of 300 car tyres was placed in one of Lincolnshire's prime coarse fishing waterways, the South Forty Feet Drain near Boston yesterday, to provide sanctuary and shelter for roach and bream.

Editor's post

Mr David Chipp, who is retiring as editor-in-chief of the Press Association, has been appointed an independent director of the *The Observer*, it was announced yesterday.

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TUC tells NUM to co-operate

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portions" while coal is imported on a huge scale.

It adds: "A divided miners' union pursuing different policies would make it very difficult if not impossible to resist these moves."

The TUC is said to be prepared to make representations to the Government to improve coal's competitive position but adds that "such a package would involve the recognition of the fact that the development of a modern coal industry and its entry into new markets depended on the elimination of high cost capacity".

On dismissed miners the TUC also makes clear its willingness to lend support to the NUM's campaign but is openly critical of its methods. It says that mass lobbies of the kind proposed by the NUM can be "counter-productive" because of the disruption to traffic, "the risk of disorder and consequential adverse publicity."

It also makes clear its view that the NUM's campaign is handicapped by seeking the reinstatement of all dismissed miners irrespective of offence.

It adds: "A campaign based on some selection process with publicity given to the most deserving cases could be a much more effective proposition than the present stance."

The paper proposes that is some selectivity could be introduced into the campaign the TUC could appoint a QC to examine the dismissals and lay the basis for representations to be made to on behalf of deserving cases.

Th TUC leaders are hopeful that the executive's agreement (against the advice of the union's president, Mr Arthur Scargill) to do whatever the court requires to lift sequestration will pave the way to release of the union's funds.

NUM decides pay strategy

The NUM has passed a decision on how to pursue its wage claim put to the union's areas, in a move which makes it increasingly likely that it will agree to the NCB's tough new conditions for a pay deal.

The union's leadership yesterday sidestepped an immediate decision on the demand made last Friday by the NCB that it should sign a written pledge to agree to the Board's strategy of improving productivity through the use of incentives.

Instead it has effectively left it up to areas to consult members. The move comes amid a growing mood among members of the union's executive, even on sections of the left, that to refuse the NCB's terms could leave it without any pay offer at all at a time when Nottinghamshire miners may already have a 6-7 per cent pay increase in their wage packets.

Nottinghamshire miners begin voting today on the separate offer they have received from the NCB. In contrast the NUM was told last Friday that it could not be certain of any increases

Mr Scargill indicated that the executive could meet again before the end of the month to hear reports of the indications from the areas on how the NCB's stance is seen

Agreement to such a precondition would conflict with the policy adopted by the NUM's July conference in favour of consolidating incentives into basic rates over five years;

Intercom 'gave drugs ring away'

Police stumbled across a multi-million pound international drug-dealing ring when a couple involved in it were overheard talking in their hotel bedroom over a baby alarm intercom. Worcester Crown Court was told yesterday.

The cannabis-dealing ring, described as one of the most highly organized and profitable in Britain, was said to have been controlled by a man on the run from British police from his villa near Marbella in Spain.

Mr Martin Wilson, QC, for the prosecution, named the man as Raymond Allon, who fled from Birmingham to Spain in the spring of 1984 after his arrest for drug offences.

He said: "He is not before the court and has not been arrested, but he is the brains, the crown say, behind this operation. He directed operations by telephone and made daily calls to England."

Mr Wilson said the organization was uncovered when Mr Barry Humphreys, an antique dealer, who became dissatisfied with his position as a main courier in the oganization, disappeared with hi girl friend Miss Lynn Homer, taking with him large quantities of cannbis and money belonging to the gang.

While they were staying at the Mount Olypus hotel at Stourport, Hereford and Worcester, they failed to notice that the baby alarm in their room was switched on, and they were overhead talking about their drug dealing by a hotel receptionist.

Police fond that Mr Humphreys and Miss Homer had £49,000 with them in a briefcase and holdall. A further £327 in cash and 44 kg of cannabis worth £88,000 were discovered in Miss Homer's car

"The police have recovered cannabis which is worth at least £2,658,000." Mr Wilson said.

Barry Humphreys, aged 42, formerly of Hollister Road, Pedmore, Stourbridge, West Midlands, admits conspiracy to supply cannabis and possessing cannabis, and Lynn Homer, aged 30, formerly of Alcocks Green, Birmingham, admits conspiracy and four men deny the same charge. The trial is expected to last four weeks.

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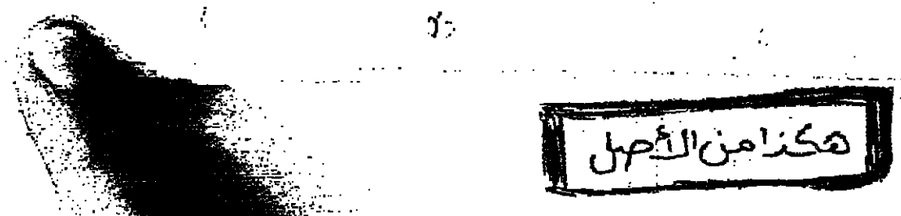
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Crash inquiry

50 injured as two trains collide near new £130m signalling centre

By Michael Horsnell and Michael Baily

British Rail and the Department of Transport were trying last night to establish the cause of a collision between two trains on the main line between London and Brighton, near a £130 million signalling centre opened in January.

Southern Region of British Rail said that there had been no signal failure, which leaves three possible causes of the accident: brake failure on one of the trains, and error by one of the drivers or an error by a signalman.

About 50 people were treated in hospital after the collision and 13 were detained last night with head, neck and leg injuries. The drivers of both trains were treated for shock.

The accident occurred at Copyhold Junction, about a mile from Haywards Heath, West Sussex.

Both trains, the 1am from Victoria to Brighton and the 1.35am on the reverse journey, were travelling at 15mph on a straight length of track on the same London-bound line.

It is believed that the two drivers realized they were heading for a collision had braked, although there is a question mark about the efficiency of the braking system on one of the trains, which is also to be examined by investigators.

Experts conducting the inquiry were concentrating their attention on the new signalling centre at Three Bridges nearby, which has replaced 110 signal boxes along 280 miles of track on Southern Region and which covers 564 points and 715 signals. They want to know why the new signalling system had not prevented the crash.

Driver error appears to have been unlikely. Each train has an automatic alarm set off by magnets in the track if a train goes through a red light and the train brakes automatically if the alarm is not cancelled.

A near-normal service was being run yesterday after British Rail had towed away the two trains, neither of which had been derailed. Some of the carriages in the four-coach trains were slightly buckled.

Many of the total of 65 passengers involved were on the Brighton to Victoria train after attending a Guy Fawkes celebration at Lewes.

Rescuers, who used emergency lighting, were hampered by the inaccessibility of the crash scene.

The emergency sevices, which included six ambulances, were forced to carry stretchers 600 yards across fields and through the garden of a cottage to a steep embankment above the scene. Passengers waited for more than an hour in darkness to be rescued.

They were taken to Cuckfield Hospital, designated as an emergency accident hospital, where teams of medical and nursing staff were on stand-by.

Those detained, two of whom were children, included nine with head or neck injuries and two with broken legs. Several people were also treated for facial injuries. Those with head injuries underwent two-hourly neurological checks but none were said to be in a serious condition.

Nineteen people who escaped injury were taken to Haywards Heath police station and then home by taxi.

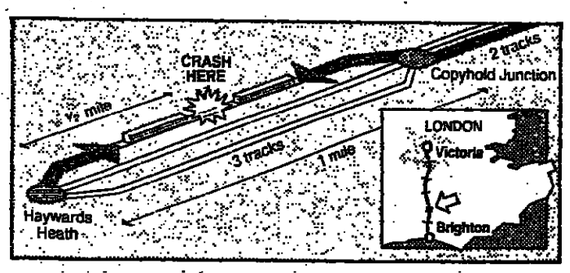
The injuries were caused by passengers being thrown from their seats in carriages which were littered with broken glass upon impact.

Mr Alan Place, the hospital adminstrator, said: "There was a delay in getting to the scene because ambulances couldn't get there. We had a constant stream of injured people for about two hours.

"Fortunately, the speed of the impact wasn't as great as it might have been because I understand the drivers had time to brake. That meant we were incredibly lucky and the nature of the injuries wasn't more serious."

The two injured children, Mark Packham, aged nine, and his sister, Tracey, aged seven, received head injuries but were said to be "comfortable" last night.

They had caught the train at Gatwick airport to return home to Brighton after returning with their parents from a two-week holiday at Disney World in the United States.





Gbassy Khan, aged six, after the first of a number of operations at Alder Hey Hospital, Liverpool, to his hands, maimed by his mother in Sierra Leone. With him are Dr Bernard Tate and his wife, Barbara, who launched an appeal fund to pay for his treatment.

Drug users show high rate of Aids infection

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Aids among drug abusers in Britain may be much more prevalent than had been suspected, according to new evidence.

A survey of more than 100 intravenous drug users in Edinburgh has shown that 38 per cent of them were infected with the Aids virus, about 25 times the national average.

The results have surprised the scientists who carried out the research, and may cause some concern at the Department of Health. The evidence is broadcast tonight by Thames Television's *TV Eye* programme.

In the programme, Dr John Pewtherer said: "I would have expected 5 or 6 per cent at the very outside might have been infected, although even that would have been greater than the published national figures". He and colleagues at Edinburgh University's medical microbiology unit had "checked and double checked" the results.

Only two intravenous drug users are known to have contracted Aids (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) in Britain, the second only last month.

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TV comedian's wife wins court eviction order

The wife of Ronnie Corbett the television comedian, won a three-day legal battle yesterday to evict her former best friend from a south London flat she owns.

In a final gesture she agreed to let Anna Marles aged 45, a single mother, stay in the flat rent-free for a further six months.

Mrs Anne Corbett, aged 52, was described by Judge Vick at the hearing at Wandsworth County Court as "a very genuine, warm-hearted and generous person".

It was said that Miss Marles, who works as a nurse, owed £800 in rent arrears and that she had tried to run an au pair agency from the flat in Riggindale Road, Streatham. The court was also told that the flat, initially immaculate, had been badly neglected during her tenancy.

The judge made a possession order yesterday in favour of Mrs Corbett, but agreed to delay it until March 31 next year.

Staff of Laura Ashley to get £1.25m share gift

By Alison Eadie

Staff of Laura Ashley, the international clothes-to-wall-paper retail group, are to be given a £1.25 million donation of shares by the Ashley family when the company is floated on the stock market later this month.

Staff will be able to choose between different schemes: a gift of £50 shares; a matching offer of free shares for each share bought within the limits available to staff, and a share save offer, which involves saving for five years through deductions from pay and then buying shares at a 10 per cent discount to the offer-for-sale price.

Mr Bernard Ashley, who co-founded the company with his wife Laura in 1953, believes strongly that the key to its success is founded on the people who work there.

Laura Ashley is expected to command a stock market valuation of about £200 million.

Murder charge

A Greek national, Georgious Farmakopoulos, aged 33, yesterday became the second person to be sent for trial at Norwich Crown Court accused of murdering Mrs Doreen Smith, aged 53, a postmistress at Thriplow, Cambridgeshire, last year.

Welsh warning

A new cigarette brand, Graig Superkings, has gone on sale in Wales with government health warnings in Welsh and English on the pack.

Demolishers must rebuild listed hall

A High Court judge ruled yesterday that contractors who mistakenly demolished an historic listed building in the West Midlands should meet the full costs, likely to be £200,000, of restoring it to its former state.

Monkspath Hall, and eighteenth-century farmhouse and a grade two listed building in Shirley, was knocked down in November 1980. The contractors had been told to demolish farm buildings on the opposite side of the road.

Mr Justice McNeill, at Birmingham High Court, gave judgement in favour of Solihull Borough Council against D. Doyle Contractors (Birmingham) and Mr Patrick Keenan, a director who drove the bulldozer.

The defendants, who must also pay the costs of the hearing, must pay for the rebuilding, the preservation of still-intact parts of the hall, and the professional fees involved. An official referee will adjudicate on the overall level of damages if there is no agreement within three months.

The council had sought a declaration that the defendants were liable for the complete costs of rebuilding. The judge said he agreed with the local authority's view that the hall was "a distinctive point" in a buffer zone between residential and industrial development.

The defendants admitted negligence but claimed during the hearing that it was pointless to rebuild the hall when the land was worth more for speculative building.

The judge rejecting that claim, said the hall was distinctive and was historic in that it had been there for 200 years. The hall had been put up for auction for residential purposes before it was demolished.

Record new car sales this year

By Our Motoring Correspondent

New car sales in the first 10 months of this year were the highest ever and it now seems certain that 1985 sales will reach 1.8 million cars, beating 1983's record of 1.79 million.

Registration details released by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders yesterday showed that October sales of 1,633,338 for the year to date compared with 1,563,860 for the same period last year.

Ford maintained its sales leadership in October with 23.6 per cent, followed by Austin Rover with 19.1 per cent and General Motors with 16.1 per cent.

October top ten cars

1. Escort, 2. Cavalier, 3. Metro, 4. Fiesta, 5. Astra, 6. Sierra, 7. Montego, 8. Maestro, 9. Rover 200, 10. Orion.

Invisible inks to foil counterfeiters

A development that could defeat the activities of forgers and dealers in counterfeit goods, estimated to cost thousands of jobs in Britain alone, has been disclosed to *The Times*.

Scientists at the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology, with the aid of an anonymous company, have formulated special invisible inks to label goods.

Professor Harry Heller, from the institute, claims that the number of different additives used in making the inks enabled an infinite variety of effects, which renders the tasks of duplicating almost impossible.

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BA to recruit women in revived pilot training

By Our Transport Editor

Women will be recruited to become British Airways' pilots with the prospect of becoming flight captains after the airline resumed pilot training yesterday.

Introducing a new career booklet, Lord King, chairman of British Airways said he was delighted to resume recruitment in a career "long the height of ambition for many young men and women".

British Airways halted pilot recruiting in the 1970s through slump and retrenchment.

Although it has never had a woman pilot, one started training several years ago. The career is now very much open to both sexes, the airline said.

British Airways employs about 2,000 pilots, who are highly regarded and often take well-paid jobs with foreign airlines.

Pay rates range from £9,000 to £30,000 a year, with a few senior pilots earning up to £50,000.

After two years' training, recruits progress to small twin-jets on domestic and European routes, and to big jets on international routes after about five years.

Applicants must be aged under 23, be physically fit, have good sight and hearing, with at least five O levels and two A levels.

Industrial action threat

Bitterness over top radio pay

By David Hewson
Arts Correspondent

Commercial radio stations face a campaign of industrial action over pay in a dispute which has hardened with the publication of the salaries of the stations' managing directors.

The Broadcasting and Entertainment Trades Alliance, one of the unions involved in the claim for a "substantial" increase on present rates, has published the table of salaries from company accounts.

It shows that between 1983 and 1984 managing directors' salaries rose by an average of 18.7 per cent. The lowest increase was 5.4 per cent to the managing director of Radio Hallam in Sheffield, which took the salary for the post from £55,009 to £57,995, second only to that paid by London's Captial Radio.

According to BETA, the rise was worth £7,986, while the radio stations are now offering staff 4.5 per cent over 16 months, worth £297. "The unions are not being greedy", a BETA circular says. "We would settle for an increase that was around the rate of inflation."

Salaries of managing directors:

	1983	1984	% change
Pennine Radio	£20,771	£24,630	+18.6
Capital Radio	£50,000	£65,000	+30
Downtown Radio	£41,761	£53,974	+29.2
Essex Radio	£31,844	£34,185	%7.4
Hereward Radio	£22,000	£24,375	+10.8
LBC	£32,920	£37,175	+12.9
Metro Radio	£29,413	£33,680	+14.5
Radio City	£35,825	£38,225	+6.7
Radio Clyde	£33,928	£26,723	+8.2
Radio Forth	£25,320	£27,911	+10.1
Radio Hallam	£55,009	£57,995	+5.4
Radio Tay	£18,213	£33,174	+82
Radio Trent	£35,084	£39,836	%13.6
Radio Victory	£22,603	£26,973	+19.3
Red Rose Radio	£32,801	£39,881	+21.6
Radio Tees	£21,750	£25,400	+16.8
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BRMB	£35,833	£41,862	+16.8

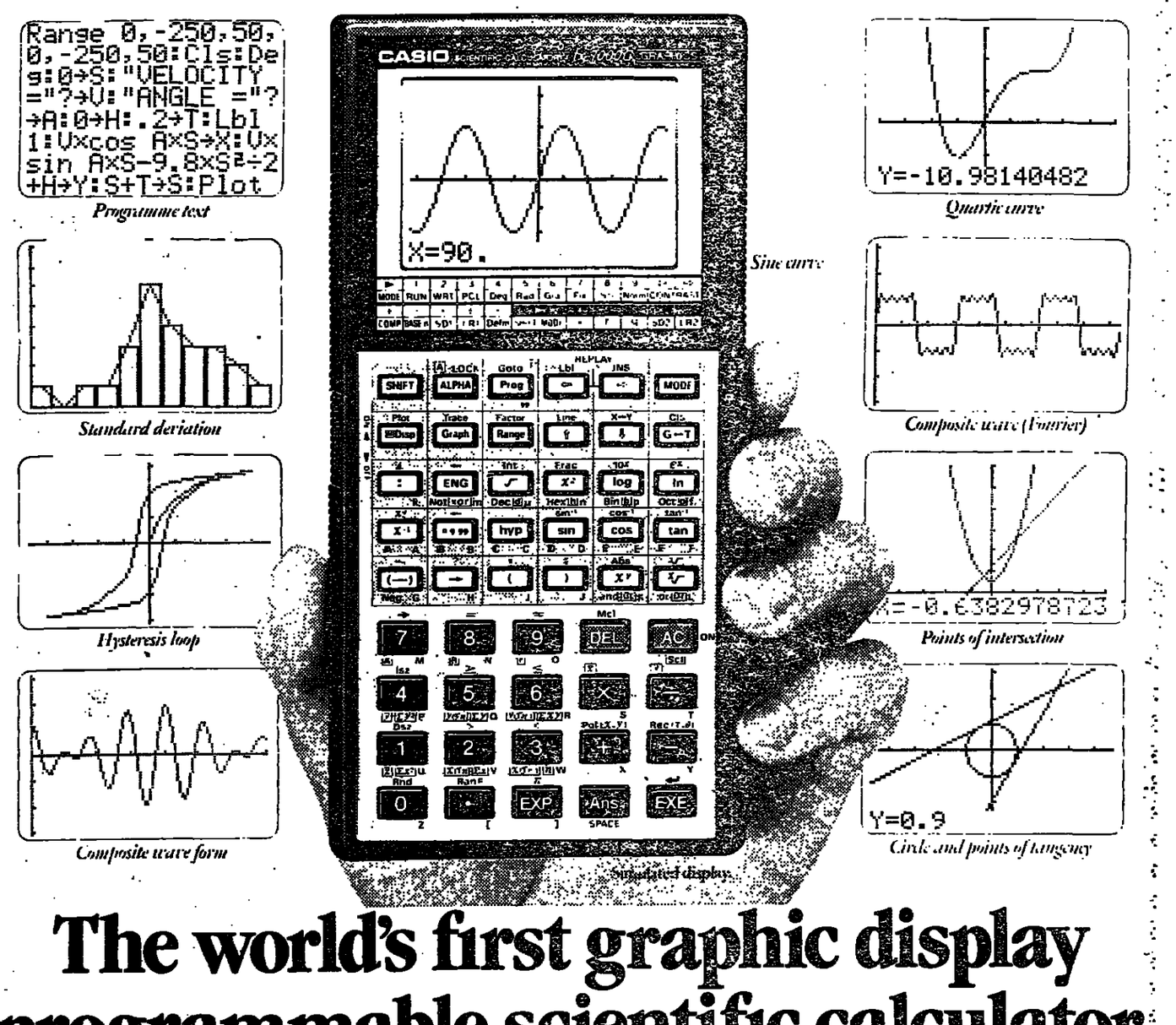
The dispute, which relates to a pay claim dating back to last July, has become increasingly bitter in recent weeks. After a ballot, BETA members have voted to join the strike, but the NUJ and the ACTT have decided to support the action without a vote, prompting threats of legal action from the employers.

The radio stations have also been advised to dismiss any member of staff who take part in the one-day walkout, which occurs at a time of increasing financial difficulties for a number of companies.

According to BETA, more than 22 companies have declared redundancies over the past three years and 150 of its members have lost their jobs. It cites the annual salaries of ILR secretaries as varying from £3,723 to £5,749, compared with £4,974 to £7,619 in ITV and £4,545 to £7,639 in the BBC.

Engineers' salaries range from between £7,075 to £8,667, against £9,355 to £11,655 in ITV and £8,700 to £10,800 in BBC local radio.

Clerical staff rates start as low as £3,723 per annum. In March, the employers wrote to the unions saying that trading conditions were unsatisfactory for many stations. It said that a number which had been profitable the previous year had seen their profitablility evaporate while those which were suffering then were even more adversely affected.



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Government aims: new jobs and tax cuts

QUEEN'S SPEECH

A heavy programme of legislation was outlined in the Queen's Speech read by her Majesty at the opening of the new session of Parliament. The Speech was as follows:

My lords and members of the House of Commons

I look forward with great pleasure to receiving his Highness the Amir of Qatar, their Majesties the King and Queen of Spain and the President of the Federal Republic of Germany and Freifrau von Weizsaecker on state visits during the next 12 months.

I also look forward to paying a state visit to Nepal in February, followed by visits to New Zealand and Australia and to paying a state visit to China and visiting Hong Kong in October.

My Government continue to attach the highest importance to the maintenance of national security and the preservation of peace with freedom and justice. They will continue to play a full and active part in the Atlantic Alliance and to enhance the United Kingdom's own defences. They will make vigorous efforts to combat international terrorism.

My Government will continue to work for progress in arms control and disarmament negotiations and for greater cooperation and trust between East and West.

My Government welcome the accession of Spain and Portugal to the European Community and will introduce the necessary legislation. Within the Community, they will work for improved decision taking, strengthened cooperation on foreign policy, early completion of the common market, improvements in world trade rules and reform of the common agricultural policy.

While honouring their undertakings to the people of the Falkland Islands, my Government will continue to seek more normal relations with Argentina. They will also continue to discharge their obligations to the people of Hong Kong; and will propose provisions to implement the nationality arrangements arising from the Sino-British joint declaration.

My Government will work for peaceful and fundamental change in South Africa with the European Community and the Commonwealth; for the resoration of peace and stability in Lebanon; and for solutions to the conflict between Iraq and Iran and the Arab-Israel dispute. They will seek to restore an independent and non-aligned Afghanistan. They will support United Nations efforts for a settlement in Cyprus, and those of the Contadora Group to resolve the tensions in Central America.

My Government will give full support to the Commonwealth, and play a constructive role at the United Nations. They will maintain a substantial aid programme; play their part in the relief of famine and of other disasters; and encourage investment in developing countries. Members of the House of Commons, estimates for the public service will be laid before you.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons, within the framework of firm monetary and fiscal policies designed to secure a continuing reduction in inflation, my Government will do all in their power to encourage the growth of new jobs. Firm control of public expenditure will be maintained, with a view to diminishing its share of overall national output and facilitating further reductions in the burden of income tax.

My Government will pursue vigorously their programme of privatization, as a means both of improving the efficiency of the industries concerned, and of encouraging wider share ownership. Measures will be introduced to permit the transfer of the assets of the British Gas Corporation to the private sector and to enable the Atomic Energy Authority to operate as a trading fund from April 1, 1986, with a capital structure and borrowing powers.

A Bill will be proposed to introduce private capital into the British Airports Authority, to require larger local authority airports to be formed into companies, and to regulate certain airport activities.

My Government will bring forward legislation to introduce commercial management to my Naval Dockyards, as a significant contribution to encouraging a commercial approach and securing value for money in spending on defence.

Legislation will be introduced to facilitate funding by the industry of agricultural research, advice and related services; and to implement European Community arrangements to protect areas of particular environmental sensitivity.

Measures will be introduced to establish a new regulatory framework for the financial services sector, which will enhance its efficiency and competitiveness whilst providing greater safeguards for the interests of investors, and to modernize and liberalize the law governing building societies.

Measures will be brought forward to reform the operation of wages councils, to make provisions concerning the payment of wages and to amend the law on sex discrimination in employment.

Legislation will be introduced to encourage the sale of public sector flats to their tenants and wider private sector involvement in the ownership and management of council housing, and to improve the planning system.

For Scotland, Bills will be introduced to extend the rights of public sector tenants and to facilitate the private ownership of public sector housing stock, to improve legal aid arrangements, and to modify and extend the management structure of salmon fisheries, including further measures to combat illegal salmon fishing throughout Great Britain.

In Northern Ireland my Government will continue to support the security forces in enforcing the law and in working for the eradication of terrorism. They will seek widely acceptable arrangements for the devolution of power. They will seek to improve further their cooperation with the Government of the Irish Republic. Renewed efforts will be made to create and sustain employment, particularly by the encouragement of the private sector.

Legislation will be introduced for England and Wales to improve the management of schools and to promote the professional effectiveness of teachers.

PM tots up cost of Labour pledges

THATCHER

Leadership of a Labour Party which stood by while sections of their party undermined the police could not be taken seriously when they talked of support for the law, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said during debate on the Queen's Speech setting out the new session's legislative programme.

It was not good enough, she said, for the Opposition to profess support for the police while their conference was passing anti-police motions and cheering to the echo descriptions of the police as "the enemy". Either the Labour leadership stood up for the law or they did not; they could not have it both ways. The Government rested firmly on respect for the rule of law.

She said the Queen's Speech continued the Government's reforming approach. The Government totally and utterly rejected a policy of reflation. The Conservatives wanted inflation down; Labour wanted it up.

Responding to heckling from the Opposition benches, she said: How they hate success! Poverty? The sort of riots you get in socialist areas, that is what suits them. Where you find Labour local authorities, there you will find poverty.

Mrs Thatcher said that whatever the problems, Mr Kinnock certainly had no solutions for them. He had said that the economy was shrinking. The fact was that production was at an all-time high, and so was investment.

The number of renovation grants paid in the private sector under this Government had averaged 150,000, while under labour they had been fewer than 100,000, and the Government had a million more houses and flats in the dwelling stock than Labour. Labour government could not hold a candle to the Conservative Government.

The firm control of public expenditure mentioned in the Queen's Speech was not for Mr Kinnock, she understood, but it was critical to confidence in any government.

His universal remedy was more spending, more taxation and more borrowing. If they had more borrowing, interest rates would be infinitely higher.

Since Mr Kinnock became Labour leader, Labour had pledged to increase spending on transport and communications by £6 billion; on unemployment and training measures by £9 billion; on local government by £9 billion; on social security by £10 billion and on housing and health by £17 billion. Only a fortnight ago Labour had promised to double the aid programme.

They were the most reckless promises ever made.

Labour spending plans would require savage increases in taxation (she said), and not just on those earning £20,000 a year whom Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour Treasury spokesman, dismisses so contemptuously as rich.

It would also mean more tax for the primary school head teacher earning £200 a week who already paid £60 in taxes and contributions; more tax for the nurse earning £140 a week and paying £40, and for the £185 a week metal worker already paying £52.

They said that socialism was founded to help the working man keep more of the fruits of his labour, but today's socialists wanted to take more while conservatives who believed people had a right to keep more of their own earnings.

Labour's policies would inevitably, or by design, lead to a return of rapid inflation. Mr Kinnock called it reflation. It was a deliberate policy to put up prices faster all round to the housewife and the businessman and to slash the value of savings to the pensioner and everyone who saved. Higher inflation would be followed by higher unemployment.

As a result of consistent and sound Government financial policies this would be the fifth year of uninterrupted economic growth at an average of 3 per cent a year. This was the first time since the war that Britian had had such a long period of growth coupled with balance of payments surpluses and low inflation.

The Government had done more to train young people than any other in history. The millionth trainee would enter the Government's youth training scheme before Christmas.

Legislation would be introduced to reform wages councils to enable employers to offer wage rates which they could afford and which young people could accept.

The measures already taken had led to a rapid increase in the number of new jobs – 675,000 in the last two years, or more than any other in the European Community. New jobs had been created at a faster rate in Britain over the last two years than at any time since 1973.

The wealth-creators were the job-creators and all economic policies must be designed as a spur to the wealth-creators. Those who set out to penalise wealth-creators by punitive taxation or too much red tape were really penalising those who were looking for jobs.

This year there would be a further assault on what used to be called the commanding heights of ownership by the state. Provision would be made to privatize the British Gas Corporation and the Government hoped British Airways would be transferred to the private sector. Individual share ownership had already doubled under this Government and they looked forward to it doubling again.

By the end of this Parliament, the share of Britain's industry in state hands would have been reduced by 40 per cent. That was an excellent record.

Last session saw the successful passage of the Bill to abolish the GLC and the metropolitan county councils. The unscrupulous use of ratepayers' money by those councils to mount massive scare campaigns reinforced the case for their abolition.

It also demonstrated clearly (she said) that we can no longer take for granted in some Labour councils the conventions of responsible public service which used to inspire councillors of all parties.

The Government was therefore introducing a Bill along the lines proposed by the independent Widdicombe committee to ban the use of ratepayers' money to finance political propaganda. The Bill would also lay a statutory duty on all rating authorities to make their rate by April every year.

These measures (she said) will be an important check on abuses by some local authorities.

We shall also be publishing our proposals for a major reform of the rating system. We can no longer tolerate a system in which the burden of local taxation is so unfairly distributed nor a system which permits extravagant local authorities to fleece the business ratepayer to finance excessive levels of spending.

During the debate on the Queen's Speech last year, she had said that upholding the rule of law was the crucial issue facing the country. The disturbances seen in some of Britain's inner cities had made that all the more apparent.

It was the vast majority of people living there – the old, families with young children, small businessmen – who had most to lose from a breakdown of law and order. It was they – not the rioters – who had lost their homes, shops, and most of all their peace of mind.

Of course there were very severe social problems in the inner city areas – problems of family breakdown, of racial tension of drug abuse, of youth unemployment, of bad housing. In so far as money could help, those problems were taken into account in public expenditure, including the urban programme on which £1,900 million had been spent since 1979.

Considerable sums had already been spent in the areas affected by riots.

But (she continued) the kind of violence which took place on the streets of Brixton, Handsworth and Tottenham recently cannot and will not be eradicated by money.

The solution must ultimately lie in a strengthening of our traditional sources of discipline and authority, the family, the church, the school, responsible community and civic leadership and support for the police.

This Government has made it clear that the police will have the resources they need in the fight against crime. When this session's Public Order Bill has become law they will also have more powers to prevent and deal with violence and disorder.

But those measures alone are not enough. If the rest of us fail to support the police; if we undermine by words or deeds the rule of law, the fight against lawlessness would be jeopardized.

It is not good enough for the Labour Party to stand aside and tolerate Labour local authorities which harass and obstruct the police, and it is not good enough for Mr Kinnock to condemn the words of the leader of Haringey Council (Mr Bernie Grant) against the police while continuing to endorse him as a candidate for election to this House.

She commended to the House the forward looking programme set out in the Queen's Speech.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Continuation of debate on the Queen's Speech (Home affairs). **Lords** (3): Continuation of debate on the Queen's Speech (Foreign affairs, overseas aid and defence).

British Gas sell-off likely to raise £10bn

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The Bill to privatize the British Gas Corporation, expected to be published early in December, is likely to result in a £10 billion price tag, as opposed to original estimates of £8 billion.

Proposals on how the corporation will be regulated by the Government once it is sold will be outlined in the Bill. Crucially for potential investors, so too will an indication as to whether the gas levy presently paid to the Treasury, as well as normal operating profits, will be retained.

The Bill, which could take six months to pass through Parliament, will receive Royal Assent in time for the expected flotation in early autumn next year.

It is expected that investors will be asked to pay for the shares over three years, bringing in government revenue from the sale more quickly than planned. It was originally felt that the sale should be spread over four years, bringing in an estimated £2 billion a year, but it is now felt that the City's appetite for privatisation is such that it can provide more than £3 billion a year for the sale.

The privatization programme is likely to result in trade union opposition. Mr Phillip Jones, the chairman of the Electricity Council, said yesterday that the electricity industry will study the Bill in detail to ensure none of its 23 million customers is placed at a commercial disadvantage by the privatization.

Proposals to place the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority on a commercial footing are in line with previous announcements which will require the authority to be paid by its clients, including the Government, on a customer-contractor basis.

This would enable the authority to be moved to the private sector. However the Department of Energy has said that "while this would be possible it is accepted as impractical".

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FINANCIAL SERVICES

Investors promised greater safeguards

By Teresa Poole

Measures to set up a regulatory framework for the financial services sector are promised.

As the barriers break down in the City between merchant banks and stockbrokers, the Government is anxious to enhance efficiency and competitiveness while providing greater safeguards for investors.

The proposal reflects growing criticism that conflicts of interest prevent full protection of investors. It also demonstrates the importance of the City as a world financial centre.

The Securities and Investments Board will watch over the City, under the chairmanship of Sir Kenneth Berrill.

One of its tasks will be to monitor the effectiveness of the so-called "Chinese walls" set up within the newly-formed City conglomerates to safeguard against conflicts of interest.

Insurance, unit trusts and other prepackaged investments will be monitored by the Marketing of Investments Board. There will then be seven self-regulatory organizations reporting to the two boards and acting as watchdogs for specific areas such as life assurance.

Building societies will be able to compete directly with banks and offer cheque books and credit cards, under legislation due to be presented to Parliament by the end of this year.

The Government's plan to modernize and liberalize the law governing building societies is expected to allow them to offer unsecured lending, act as estate agents, buy and sell shares and offer a full range of insurance services.

The rule changes are likely to mean that up to £5 billion will be available for unsecured lending. Up until now building societies have turned a blind eye to any money spent on consumer items such as cars and holidays.

● The Institute of Chartered Accountant attacked proposals for building society reforms which would allow auditors to speak directly to the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, who regulates the industry (Richard Thomson writes).

It said that talks with the regulator should always include the auditor's client. It also objected to the suggestion that societies should be allowed to send a summary financial statement to members before the full accounts had been audited.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Big changes to pensions and benefits

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

The Social Security Bill will produce widespread changes to pensions, supplementary benefit, support for the low-paid and housing benefit, in the biggest package of changes to the system since its foundation.

The state earnings related pension scheme will be modified rather than abolished with steps taken to reduce its eventual cost by up to a half. Women's rights under the scheme will almost certainly be cut, and the state's inflation-proofing of part of the pensions due to 11 million people in occupational pension schemes is likely to be cut or removed; but incentives for people to take out personal private pensions will be increased.

Banks, building societies and unit trusts will be allowed to become pension providers, under seperate legislation and people in occupational schemes will be given the right to pay additional contributions to build up a bigger pension. Much else of the Government's Green Paper proposals are expected to go ahead intact, with many detailed changes, but few changes of principle.

Supplementary benefit will be replaced by a new system of income support with the abolition of existing extra weekly payments and the creation of a new social fund which will replace the existing rights to a wide range of one-off payments with largely discretionary payments.

A new family credit, paid through the pay packet, will replace the existing Family Income Supplement, while the value of child benefit, which goes to all families with children, is almost certain now to be frozen.

At present the Government is still expected to go ahead with proposals to make everyone, including the poorest pay 20 per cent of their rates and housing benefit is to be restructured and cut by several hundred million pounds. The cut planned in help with rates for elderly owner-occupiers, which was implied in the Green Paper, may be reduced, however.

Desire for an orderly society

COMMONS

In the Commons, Sir Reginald Eyre (Birmingham, Hall Green, C), moving the loyal address in reply to the Queen's Speech, said in Birmingham there was a desire for an orderly and law-abiding society in which people could live in peace, safe in their streets and their homes. That was why the deplorable events in Handsworth came as a great shock.

The overwhelming mass of Birmingham people of all origins shared a sense of revulsion against the criminality seen as a threat to their own security. They wanted to put those events behind them as soon as possible.

The public order measures outlined in the Queen's Speech would provide a strengthened legal framework for the vital purpose of protecting a law-abiding society.

The Government should consider setting up an agency to help bring the considerable areas of derelict land in inner Birmingham into practical use for homes and businesses. That would help ease the pressure for Green Belt development and add to the efforts to stimulate activity in the inner areas.

Mr Gerald Malone (Aberdeen, South, C), seconding, said the touchstone by which this Queen's Speech would be judged was whether or not it was going to continue with the Government's policy of reforming Britain's industrial base. It was doing that very thing. It was facing the challenges of the future.

What they would probably hear in the days to come in the debate on the address were the prescriptions of yesterday from the Opposition. They would hear tales of more state control where the Government had pushed the boundaries back; tales of undoing all the reforms of the trade unions which the Government had undertaken and which had been so successful.

Significant reforms by any standard

HOUSE OF LORDS

Some of the measures which would be brought forward would be seen as significant reforms by any standard, Viscount Whitelaw, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Lords, said during the debate on the Queen's Speech. Some of these would be introduced in the Lords, but for financial and other reasons many of the major ills had to start in the Commons.

Lord Middleton (C), moving the loyal address, said it was to be welcomed that the highest priority continued to be given to providing resources for the maintenance of national security, coupled with enhancement of the reserve forces.

Lady Lane-Fox (C), seconding, said it was reassuring that vigorous moves were to be made to take the profit out of illicit drugs deals.

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, leader of the Opposition peers, said curiously, the word "unemployed" was not mentioned in the Queen's Speech. The Opposition feared that this was a government of high interest rates and low investment and output. The Speech gave no great hope that the unemployment figures would be any better in 12 months time. It was a most depressing prospect.

Lord Diamond (SDP) said one of the most important issues would be the privatization of gas. At first blush (he said) it strikes me as being very much like a continuation of the Government's policy of selling off the family silver in order to pay for the groceries with a tax concession and pay it in such a way as to benefit most those who need it least.



Mr Neil Kinnock, Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Princess Anne listening to the Queen's Speech at yesterday's State Opening of Parliament.

Government dodging the truth

KINNOCK

A Government which denied people jobs, homes and hope was not doing its duty, **Mr Neil Kinnock**, Leader of the Opposition, declared in the debate on the Queen's Speech. As the Government tried to avoid the truth – that crime was historically and obviously rooted in part in social and economic conditions – it was shirking its duty and dodging the truth.

In particularly attacking high interest rates, Mr Kinnock said the Government's record was one of flop and failure. Great images had gone; sacred cows were turning out to be old bull. The strategy of shrinking the economy was obvious when one stripped the Queen's Speech of virile phrases about firm policies. It was a recipe for further rundown of the economy.

Audacity laced with memdacity was now Mrs Thatcher's stock in trade.

He said the Opposition could not welcome proposals for further privatization, for the demolition of the wages councils and the proposals for what the Government glibly and euphemistically described as "reform of social security".

The Government was not interested in improving protection for the poor, the disabled and the old. The system was not being reformed but deformed. There would be injustice as the Government took a lot from the needy to give very little to the destitute.

Most of all the Opposition would be condemning the Government for its failure yet again to offer any policy to aid the economy and to help people to get work.

In the year after Mrs Thatcher had spoken triumphantly about a bank rate cut, interest rates had on average been 3 per cent higher. They were now 1 per cent higher than at this time last year. Interest rate rises crippled small, medium and large businesses; public spending cuts deprived communities of vital services.

The Prime Minister was getting the British taxpayers absolutely wrong. Did she not realize that taxpayers were also parents worried about cuts in child benefit and worried about schools? Taxpayers were the same people who made up the families that were worried about cuts in house building and virtual abolition of house improvement grants. They want their contributions to be used more generously in order to relieve suffering in the Third World.

It was not only the poor who wanted relief of poverty and not only the homeless who wanted new house building, not only the jobless who wanted the Government to combat unemployment. These were now national demands.

Mrs Thatcher had told the Conservative Party Conference the Government would not reflate. What she really meant was it would not invest in modernizing British industry, in education and training for young people, not expand research and development, that it would do nothing to build a strong modern manufacturing base that was going to be even more vital when the oil ran out.

I am not saying (he went on) nor would I, that unemployment with its hopelessness and despair is the sole cause of crime in our country. Still less that there are excuses for crime. I am simply asking, as any rational person should, that a 40 per cent rise in crime in six years during which there has been increased hopelessness brought about by unemployment, is that an accident, is that pure coincidence?

There has always been crime for gain. Now there is crime for some sort of brutal vicious entertainment. That is an awful change in our time. The 40 per cent increase, especially in crimes of robbery and brutality, cannot be explained by a certain sort of evil and depravity just in our generation.

A police officer had told him recently that society could not put all its problems in a dustbin and ask the police to keep the lid on. He was right. They could not use simplistic answers to people, police, or problems.

Dealing with intolerable conduct in society was not just a matter for Government, but for parents, teachers, and every responsible citizen, but it could not be dealt with unless the Government was trying to meet it with methods to get at the roots of behaviour instead of merely trying to get at the roots of behaviour.

Police must not be made into a buffer

STEEL

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party, said the whole emphasis of the Speech was on presentation rather than on policies themselves.

The Government's success at home would be judged by how it managed to reform Britain's industrial base.

Liberal MPs would give constructive support to any legislation designed to combat public disorder.

But we have to be careful (he went on) we do not end up turning our police into a buffer to deal with situations which we as politicians or society have failed to deal with effectively ourselves.

People have been taking to crime not as part of the criminal fraternity but almost as a way of life. The increase in drug addiction – and we will support the Government's moves on this – are related to some extent to the feeling of helplessness in our communities.

It was because the Government refused to listen and refused to change it was leading Britain to disaster in the long run, increasing division and bitterness, and because the Government would not change, the Government must be changed.

Mr John Spence (Ryedale, C) said the proposal to revise shop opening hours would be warmly welcome, especially in those areas which catered for holidaymakers.

Mr James Molyneaux, Leader of the OUP (Lagan Valley), said he and Mr Kinnock were in the same position in one regard – they were not in the know about the Anglo-Irish talks. He hoped the Prime Minister would not disregard the views he and the Rev Ian Paisley would give in the coming critical days.

The speech indicated that the Government would seek to improve further co-operation with the Government of the Irish Republic. Many obstacles had to be removed before there could be a normal relationship with the Irish Republic.

It would be a gross understatement to say that the suspense and suspicions attendant on the talks with the Dublin Government had seriously damaged confidence in Northern Ireland.

The Rev Ian Paisley (North Antrim, DUP) said that while they knew that the Commons would continue to deal with Northern Ireland legislation they wanted to know how it would be produced, whether in the way all legislation was at present produced, or by some joint secretariat which included representatives of a foreign government which had not looked in a friendly way upon the people of Northern Ireland or on their wishes to remain part of the United Kingdom.

Mr David Harris (St Ives, C) said he hoped the meeting of the International Tin Council now going on would get some stability back. What disturbed him was the emphasis put on the needs of the City and the London Metal Exchange. He was concerned that the plight of the tin mines way down in Cornwall might have been overlooked because of these larger financial considerations.

The Cornish tin mines, which employed more than 1,500 directly, were the only mines of their sort in the European Community. If the talks in the tin council did not result in stability, the Government would be justified in giving special temporary assistance to these mines if only for their strategic importance.

Mr Gregor Mackenzie (Glasgow, Rutherglen, Lab) said the most disappointing aspect of the Speech was the question of employment. Mrs Thatcher and her colleagues made a great deal of the fact that inflation was coming down, but at what cost?

CONVEYANCING

Bill will extend powers to banks and societies

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Banks and building societies will be able to offer conveyancing services so long as that does not prejudice the interests of their borrowers under a building societies Bill expected before Christmas.

They will be allowed to undertake conveyancing, but only for purchasers to whom they are not also providing a loan. This is to avoid any possible conflict of interest.

The legislation to allow some form of conveyancing by the big lending institutions is the second limb of the Government's promise to open conveyancing beyond the solicitors' profession, in the wake of the success of the House Buyer's Bill, promoted by Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for Great Grimsby.

It has already passed an Administration of Justice Act 1985 under which non-solicitor conveyancers, under supervision of a Conveyancing Council are to be allowed to carry out the work, subject to stringent safeguards. That comes into force during next year.

Under the legislation the Land Chancellor will be empowered to exempt individual corporate bodies from the restrictions on conveyancing for reward and impose general conditions on the way in which the services are provided.

Yesterday the Law Society said it was concerned that the proposals placed too much discretion with the Lord Chancellor's office.

NEGLIGENCE

Time limit on hidden damage to be extended

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

A change in the law to extend the six-year time limit on claims for negligence in cases of latent, or hidden, damage is expected in the next session.

The present law has been criticized by the Law Reform Committee as giving rise to uncertainty and potential injustice, particularly in the building industry where the effects of negligent work may lay hidden for many years.

Under the new legislation, the six-year limit under which negligence claims can be brought will be extended so that plaintiffs will have three years to bring a claim from the date they discovered – or reasonably could have discovered – the damage.

However no claims will be allowed more than 15 years from the date of any alleged negligent act.

ANIMALS

Licensing for experiments to be tougher

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

Proposed legislation for stricter licensing of animal experiments would replace the scheme under which any person thought by the Home Secretary to be qualified can obtain a license to experiment.

Instead, both a personal and a project licence would be required. The personal licence would specify competence in authorized experimental techniques and in handling certain species of animals. The application for a project licence would question whether a planned test was necessary, properly designed and worthwhile.

But controversy is likely to continue because there would be no outright ban on Draize tests, an irritant test which involves putting drops in the eyes of rabbits, or on LD50 toxicity tests.

EDUCATION

Teachers' unions will oppose appraisals

By Our Education Correspondent

The proposal to introduce appraisal of teachers' performance by law will be fiercely resisted by teachers' unions and may be boycotted by heads and their staff in schools.

The government has decided to give Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, an enabling power to require local education authorities to appraise the performance of all their teachers regularly. It has done so because of the lack of progress in securing appraisal by negotiation.

Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, which has 25,000 members, said his association would not co-operate with any imposed scheme. "I believe very strongly that Sir Keith has got to understand that the imposition of assessment will not work".

SHOPPING HOURS

Restrictions may be lifted by spring

By Derek Harris

Unrestricted shop opening hours, including Sundays, could be in operation by the late spring next year, although a long-fought opposition in the House of Lords might delay the change until mid-summer.

The Government is expected to introduce the Bill promised in the Queen's Speech early in the new session. The aim is likely to be to reach the second reading stage before the Christmas recess.

A recent Mori poll for the Federation of Multiple DIY Retailers suggested that 72 per cent of MPs were in favour of Sunday trading. Fiercer opposition is expected when the Bill reaches the Lords' where religious opinion against Sunday trading is expected to be felt.

It looks likely that the Bill will retain protective measures for young people employed in shops and provisions to stop established shop workers from being compelled to work on Sunday.

The Mori poll indicated that in Scotland, where restrictions on hours were removed many years ago, only 6 per cent of the population do any grocery shopping on Sundays.

Relaxations on opening in England and Wales are expected to increase trade in the big edge-of-town do-it-yourself, furniture and other household goods outlets.

The Institute of Fiscal Studies has suggested that if Sunday opening generates no more trade overall, 20,000 retail jobs could be lost. But a 2 per cent trading increases would produce 9,000 more long-term jobs.

Open Shop, the retailer pressure group favouring relaxation, forecast that Sunday opening in the high street would be minimal while out-of-town shopping would be widespread.

Open Shop's members are Associated Diaries, of which Asda and MFI are part, Habitat/Mothercare, Harris Queensway, W. H. Smith and Woolworth.

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Scheme to crush Tottenham riot ignored, police officers say

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A contingency plan to control disorder on the Broadwater Farm estate in Tottenham, north London, was ignored on the night of the riot there, according to *Police*, the magazine of the Police Federation.

Other charges of mishandled tactics include a failure to crush the riot with "numerous units, fully equiped and never called upon".

Scotland Yard said yesterday: "There were contingency plans to deal with public disorder but not when it was of the magnitude and ferocity witnessed at Tottenham. For this reason they could not be used in such conditions of unprecedented violence."

Police gives quotes from the confidential contingency plan for the estate, drawn up before the riot which resulted in 200 police casualties, including one murder.

"It is essential that in order to consolidate and isolate disorder, police should quickly gain control of the walkways connecting the blocks of flats on the estate.

"Unless this is carried out effectively, units at ground level may be subjected to missiles thrown from above and roaming crowds could move about the estate, thus rendering police mobility in vehicles ineffective.

"Once the walkways have been secured, pockets of disorder may be contained and dealt with. In the event of disorder involving numbers of persons, efforts will be directed towards moving the participants towards the empty spaces to the west of the estate for dispersal."

The *Police* article, written by Tony Judge, its editor, says: "The need to gain control of the estates in advance of disorder breaking out was fully appreciated, yet nothing appears to have been done to secure the walkways and the balconies."

Sir Kenneth Newman, Metropolitan Police Commissioner, has defended his senior officers' decision not to send police against a cascade of burning missiles "waiting to be hurled down" on them.

That ignores the vital question, *Police* says. Why were the rioters permitted to "seize the high ground" in the first instance?

Police quotes one officer in a unit equipped with riot gear, including short shields: "We were compelled to sit in the carrier, listening to what was happening to our colleagues. We heard call after call for assistance."

He added: "Officers of my rank feel that we had an opportunity to crush this riot because there were numerous units available, fully equipped and never called upon.

"I and every one of my colleagues I have spoken to are sick to death of appeasement by senior officers frightened by politicians. I have had enough of my rank being treated by senior officers like cannon fodder."

Seven other officers said: "After 9.30 pm it was apparent to all officers in the front line that a police officer had been shot. The sight of the D11 Specialist Weapons Unit lifted morale and a cheer went up from all the officers. How disheartened we felt when it became apparent that the order to use D11 had been rescinded.

"Having worked alongside these units during shield training they were obviously required more than on any occasion I have ever experienced. I wonder how many more police officers will meet a tragic end before someone will take the action required to protect us."

The Police Federation has demanded full participation in the operational review promised by Sir Kenneth of the lessons learnt and their implications for policing.

The evidence shows that "Broadwater Farm was bound to erupt because the lawless element which has controlled the estate for so long was determined that it should", *Police* says.

● The Fire Brigades' Union is urging the Home Office to bring home to rioters and the public at large that firefighters have a neutral role and are not an arm of the police (Our Labour Reporter writes).

The plea from the union comes after the large-scale disturbances in inner city areas in which firefighters were often the target of abuse and violence.

Mr David Higgs, national officer of the union, says in an article in its journal that it is only a matter of time before one of his members is maimed or killed in the middle of a confrontation.

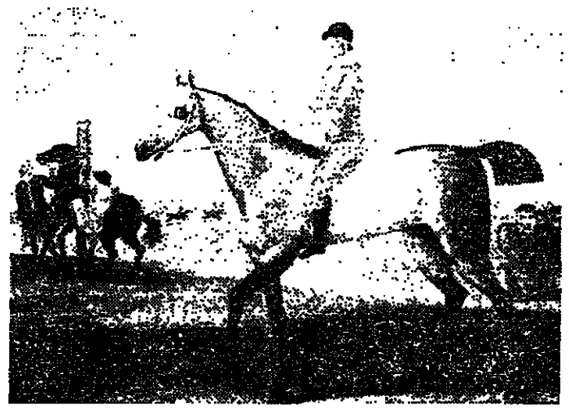
Under such circumstances the union may be forced to "stand off" and allow buildings to burn. Such advice would come into force only if human life was not at risk, Mr Higgs says.

● Mrs Cherry Groce, whose shooting by a police inspector sparked off the recent Brixton disturbances, is undergoing rehabilitation at Stoke Mandeville Hospital in Buckinghamshire. Her consultant, Dr John Silver, said yesterday that it is hoped she will eventually walk again with some form of aid.

Racing and hunting paintings expected to fetch high prices



Details from John Frederick Herring's combined portraits (above), Charles Hancock's "Blue Bonnet" (below left) and John Wootton's "Coneyskins".





By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Some of the best sporting pictures seen at auction for several years come for sale at Sotheby's on November 20. The greatest curiosity is an imaginary race at Epsom between four great champions of the 1840s which never raced against each other.

John Frederick Herring combined the portraits of Plenipotentiary, Touchstone, Priam and Grey Momus and the picture is expected to fetch between £400,000 and £600,000. It is almost certain to set a new auction price for his work.

Five of the nine other Herrings come from the collection of the late Sir Charles Clore, the store owner and financier, whose collection is being dispersed for the benefit of various Jewish charities, most of them in Israel.

The most valuable of these is "Vespa, a dark bay racehorse, with her owner, Sir Mark Wood, her trainer leaning on a stable door to the right and a groom with a grey pony to the left".

It dates from 1833. When the famous Dick Collection of sporting paintings was dispersed at Sotheby's in 1973, Sir Charles bought it for £62,000. It is now estimated at £150,000 to £200,000.

Among the good group of hunting pictures pride of place goes to John Ferneley senior's "A hunt scurry in Leicestershire – portraits of Mr Whyte Melville's horses at Melton with his friends upon them.

It depicts the Quorn Hunt crossing Gaddesby Brook and is one of the best preserved panoramas of the hunting field painted by Ferneley in the 1820s and 1830s.

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Inquiry on MP's seat meets with obstruction

By Peter Davenport

Labour Party officials carrying out an investigation into the membership of the general committee of the Knowsley North constituency, where Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, the MP, claims there is a Militant plot to unseat him, are running into obstructions.

Requests for information from up to nine groups are being ignored and letters are going unanswered in what some officers believe is a campaign to frustrate the inquiry.

The investigation is being conducted by Mr Peter Killeen, the North-west Labour Party assistant regional organizer responsible for Merseyside.

The investigation, has to be completed before November 28 when the short list of candidates for selection is finalized.

If the investigation into the eligibility of the 142 members on the general committee is not completed in time, regional officers will ask the party's national executive committee to suspend the selection process.

Yesterday regional Labour Party officials disclosed that there had been at least a dozen complaints about alleged irregularities in the membership of the committee.

Mr Kilroy-Silk, who has stood down from the Labour front bench to concentrate on the fight to save his seat, alleges that there is a Militant conspiracy to pack the selection committee with people not entitled to be there, to favour Mr Tony Mulhearn, president of the Liverpool Labour party.

Among complaints are that trade union branches and organizations affiliated to the constituency party have more delegates than they are entitled to; that some delegates do not fulfil residency requirements; and that some people whose names should be on the committee have been deleted.

Advice on protecting patients

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Guidelines for staff encouraging them to complain when patients are mistreated or abused and telling managers how to handle such complaints have been produced by the National Association of Health Authorities.

Since 1968 there have been 24 inquiries into long-stay hospitals which have "demonstrated unequivocally that patients have been seriously ill-treated while caring staff look on, powerless to help, the association said yesterday.

"Their impotence resulted from the conviction that management would ignore their complaints, and that they would suffer from making them.

"Such fears have often proved justified. Inquiry evidence demonstrates clearly that staff have been victimized by management and intimidated by their colleagues for voicing legitimate concerns about standards. Complaints about ill-treatment have been covered up following investigations."

Staff need to be assured that management will examine complaints seriously, investigate them thoroughly, take action when it is needed and ensure that the individual making a complaint does not suffer, the report says.

Protecting Patients (NAHA, 47 Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham B15 2RS; 4.25).

Post Office financial service criticized

By Robin Young

Most post offices provide inadequate information about their own financial services, according to this month's issue of *Which?*, the magazine of the Consumers' Association.

Which? sent shoppers anonymously to 108 main and sub-post offices throughout Britain to check on the availability of 11 information leaflets. Only 17 post offices had all the leaflets on display and 10 were not showing any.

The shoppers also asked questions and found that staff were not always able to give even basic information, or to direct customers to leaflets.

Which? says that on the whole service was courteous and helpful, and most of the shoppers were served fairly quickly. It concludes that with nearly 22,000 branches, more than all the other high street banks put together, the Post Office should have much to recommend it as a place to buy financial services.

"If the Post Office wants to be taken seriously as a place to buy financial services, it should provide trained staff with the expert knowledge that's needed," *Which?* says, "even if it's only at their larger city offices."

A Post Office spokesman said yesterday that weekly half-hour training sessions for staff at main post offices have been introduced recently.

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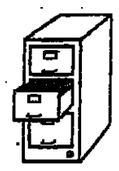
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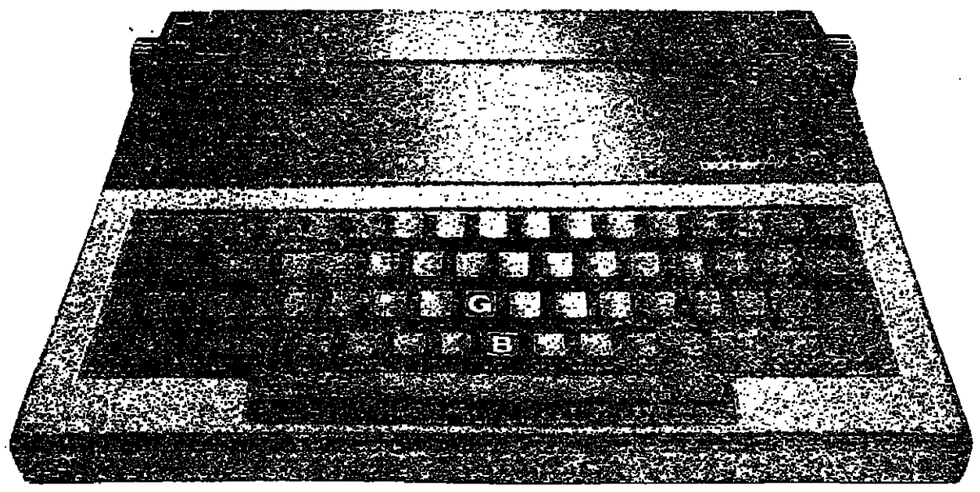
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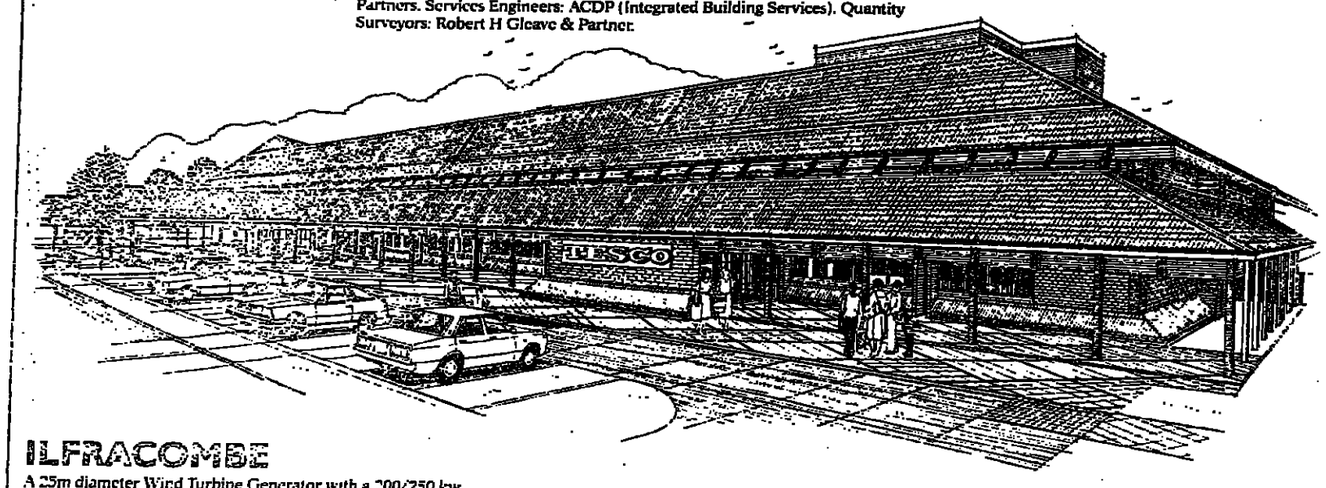
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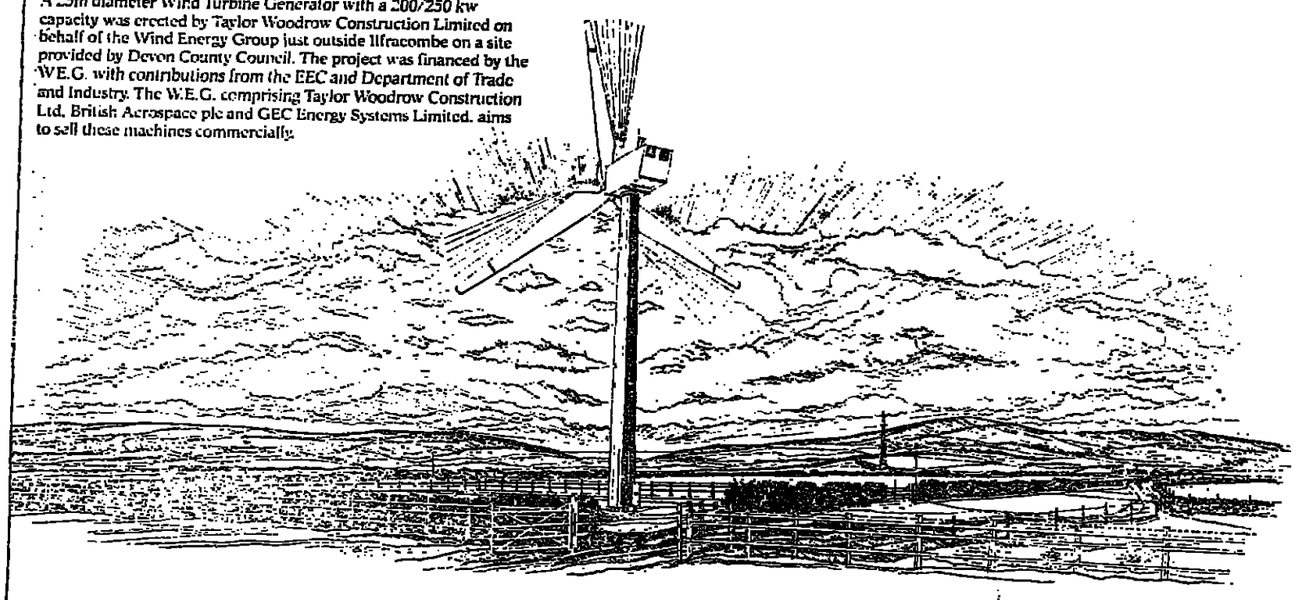
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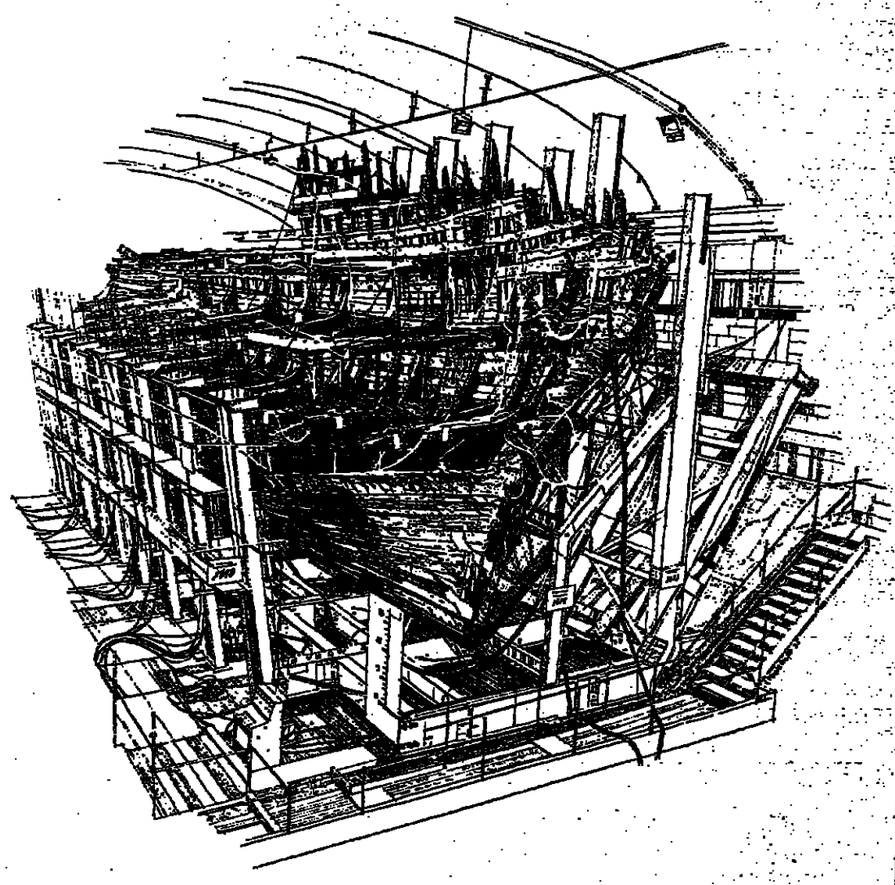
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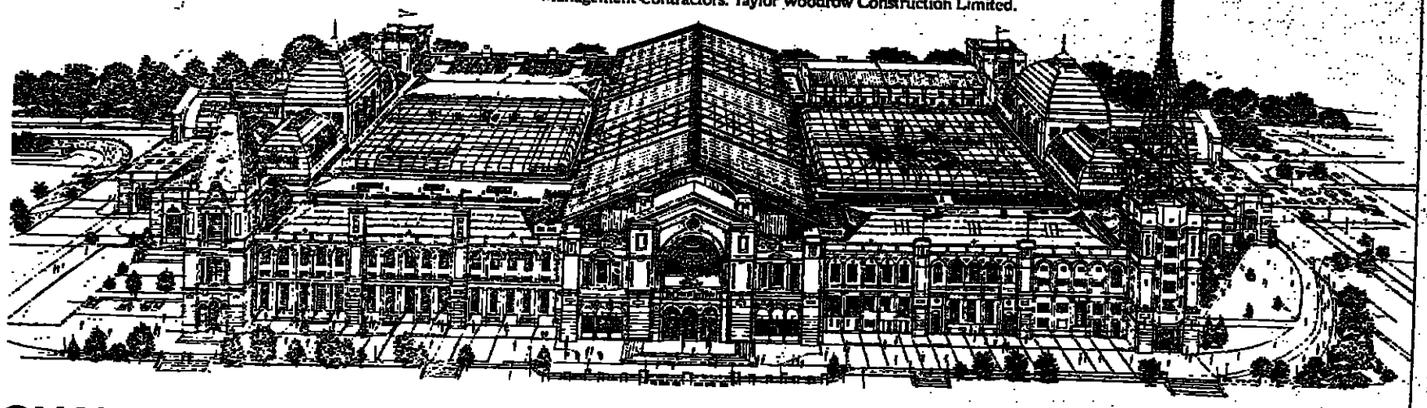
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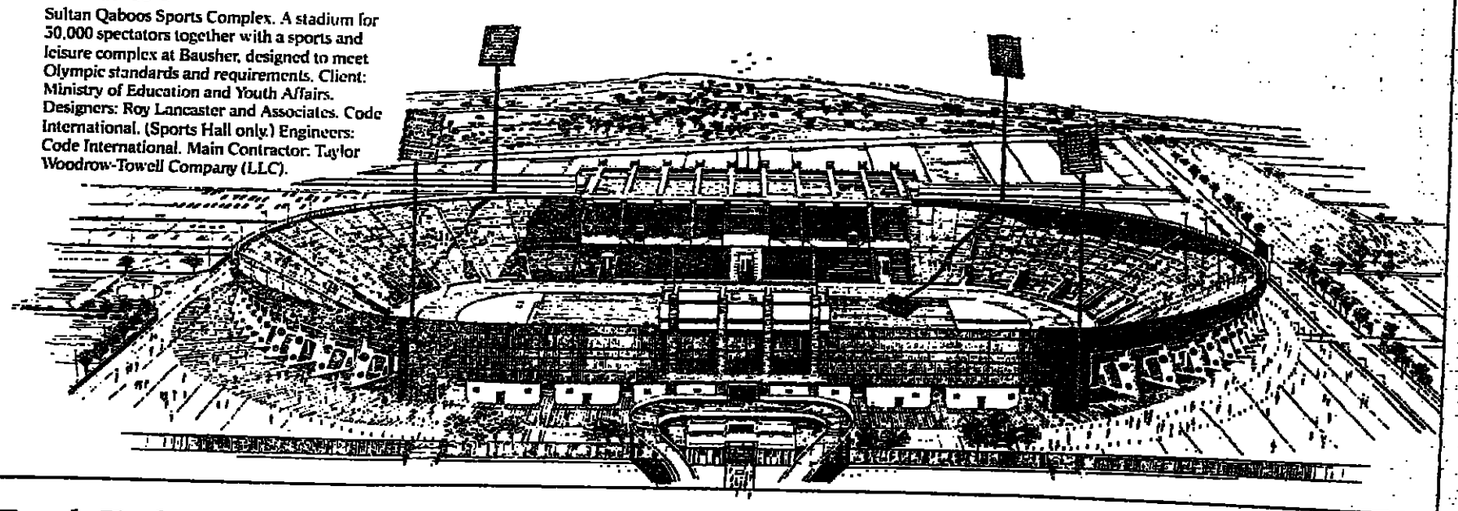
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Marcos presses ahead with preparations for snap poll

From Paul Routledge, Manila

Preparations for a snap presidential poll are going ahead in the Phillippines despite Opposition charges that President Marcos in "bending the rules" to secure a six-year extension of office.

Parliamentary and regional caucuses of the ruling KLB (New Society) Party are expected to give their support tomorrow to a Bill facilitating the election, which has provisionally been fixed for January 17.

A new election code will be ready for adoption next week, and the army is drawing up plans to police the poll "for immediate execution when the need arises".

Observers of the Marcos style of government are beginning to doubt whether the poll will ever be held, but the tenor of events suggests that "this time it's for real", in the words of one diplomat.

Mrs Imelda Marcos, wife of the President and Governor of Manila, returned yesterday from a three-week visit to the United Nations, Moscow and Toyko to hold a press conference about the political future of the nation.

Sitting beside her husband, she denied that she would be a vice-presidential candidate, and Mr Marcos made plain the choice of a running-mate would be his alone.

President Marcos said his criteria for a vice-president were "a man who adds prestige to the team, who has a strong popular appeal – and more than this, if anything happened to the President, would make a good, credible President.

After changing his mind two days ago to make the election a poll for both top posts rather than simply for the presidency he has occupied for 20 years, this is the first time that Mr Marcos, aged 68, has entertained publicly the idea that he might not live to rule until 1992. He is believed to suffer from a serious recurring kidney ailment.

The President and his wife were relaxed but direct in their references to the proposed election. KBL MPs meet tomorrow to discuss the Bill that the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr José Roño, has said will draw up the mechanics for the snap poll.

That meeting will be followed by a second KBL caucus bringing together the governors, mayors and *barangay* (village) leaders to prepare them for the contest.

Clashes kill 4,500

At least 4,500 rebels, soldiers and civilians have been killed this year in clashes involving dissidents, according to the Philippine military chief, Lieutenant-General Fidel Ramos (Reuter reports from Manila).

He said that more than 16,000 communist New People's Army and 860 Muslim secessionist Moro National Liberation Front fighters had surrendered in the past nine months.

In a letter to the *Business Day* newspaper, General Ramos said that up to October 14, the casualty toll was 1,655 NPA and 143 MNLF, 1,131 soldiers or militia members and 1,334 civilians killed.



President Marcos and his wife Imelda yesterday, when she announced she would not run for vice-president.

Sihanouk increases UN support

From Zoriona Pysariwsky
New York

The exiled Cambodia coalition government of Prince Norodom Sihanouk has won a decisive diplomatic victory at the United Nations as the General Assembly voted by 114–21, with 16 abstentions, for the withdrawal of Vietnamese forces from Cambodia.

The vote ended two days of debate on the six-year Vietnamese occupation. Last year the vote was 110–22 despite hopes by the Eastern bloc that a sense of resignation to the Vietnamese occupation would emerge in the balloting.

In line with President Reagan's General Assembly address last month, Mr Vernon Walters, the American delegate, urged the Soviet Union to play an active role in obtaining a political settlement in Cambodia.

● The Vietnamese plan to complete the colonization of Cambodia by 1990, the date they have proposed for the total withdrawal of their troops, Mr Son Sann said in London yesterday. (Simon Scott Plummer writes).

Mr Sann, Prime Minister of the coalition government opposed to the Hanoi-backed regime in Phnom Penh, said that more than 700,000 Vietnamese had been settled in Cambodia and it was hoped to change the demographic identity of the country through intermarriage.

"In a very short time we won't know who are really Vietnamese and who are really Cambodian", he said.

Mr Sann, speaking at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, said that the Vietnamese were farming the best land and had taken over much of the commerce of Cambodia. They were also exploiting natural resources such as rubber, timber and fish.

The guerrillas had to make the Vietnamese presence in Cambodia as costly as possible to the Soviet Union, which was pouring aid into Hanoi, he said.

He admitted that indiscipline within his own Khmer People's National Liberation Front was harming its credibility and its ability to attract overseas aid.

New Jersey warning for Reagan

Blacks' man in landslide win

From Trevor Fishlock
New York

Governor Thomas Kean believes that his landslide win in the New Jersey gubernatorial election sends a strong warning to the Reagan Administration about the way in which it deals with America's blacks.

Mr Kean, a Republican, was supported strongly by blacks and union members as he swept to a second four-year term. His social and economic policies include a firm commitment to affirmative-action programmes and job quotas that help to give minorities an economic foothold.

But it is this policy that some in the Administration are trying to reverse. Mr Edwin Meese, the Attorney-General, is running a crusade to end the 20-year-old programme of affirmative action in government hirings. The Cabinet is split on the issue.

Governor Kean says his "bedrock conservative philosophy" includes a commitment to helping individuals make their way in the free enterprise system.

Blacks fo not want dependence, he says, but they do want opportunity and an even chance.

His views contradict those of Mr Meese and other "sink or swim" hardliners who believe that racial preferences damage minorities in the long run by making it unnecessary for them to compete. Mr Meese's opponents think affirmative action is working and is needed in repairing the damage of years of discrimination.

Governor Kean, whose win helped The Republicans to regain a majority in the New Jersey assembly after 12 years, said: "People of all races will support republicans when republicans support people of all races.

"We are in a political era where we can no longer depend on Ronald Reagan, and a Republican Party had better darn well be able and willing to reach out to all segments of this society and bring a vision to it that does not stop at racial lines."

In the governor's race in Virginia, Mr Gerald Baliles, a Democrat, had an easy win in what was once a Republican stronghold.

Mrs Mary Terry ws elected Attorney General, the first woman to win a state office in Virginia, and Mr Douglas Wilder Lieutenant Governor, becoming the highest-ranking black state official

In mayoral races, Mr Ed Koch had an easy win in New York, and Democrats took most of the city offices. Mrs Kathy Whitmire won a third term in Houston. There will be a run-off next week in the tight struggle in Miami.

Oratory wins Craxi his vote of confidence

From Peter Nichols
Rome

Signor Bettino Craxi won his vote of confidence in the Italian Chamber of Deputies yesterday at the end of a remarkable piece of improvised oratory with which he at times drew cheers from the Communist opposition, and protests from some of his coalition allies.

The Government got 347 votes for a motion drawn up by the five coalition parties, against 239, with one abstention. The Prime Minister regarded this as a reconfirmation of his government rather than of a new administration, despite the fact that last month he offered his resignation.

The main cause was Republican Party disassociation from Signor Craxi's handling of the crisis following the seizure by Palestinian terrorists of the cruise ship Achille Lauro.

These divisions were healed to the extent that leaders of the five parties signed a document laying down the Government's attitude, especially on Middle East policy, and relations with the Palestinians, while greater consultation among the partners was promised by the Prime Minister.

The settlement was short-lived, because yesterday Signor Craxi seeking to justify his own benovolent attitude towards the Palestinians, said that Mazzini, one of the inspiries of the Republican Party, has himself contemplated political assassination.

The Republicans were horrified to hear their hero compared with Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman in the end they voted approval did not include the Prime Minister's remarks about the PLO.

Members of the Christains Democrat Party, the largest component of the coalition, also took offence at what could be read as recognition of terrorism as a progressive force in history.

Old bombs revealed as drying-up Rhine falls

Mainz (AP) – Record low water levels on the Rhine have left large parts of the riverbed exposed, revealing several bombs and other ammunition left over from World War II, officials in the state of Rhineland Pfalz said.

The state Interior Ministry said that one 500lb and four 100lb American-made bombs, together with numerous hand grenades, artillery shells and rounds of ammunition had been found.

Bomb claims

Brussels (AP) – The left wing terrorist group, Communist Fighting Cells, claimed responsibility for four bank bombings in Belgium on Monday and Tuesday, police reported.

Drugs inquiry

Minatitlan, Mexico (Reuter) – Fifteen peasants are being questioned about the killing of 22 policemen in a gun battle between police and marijuana smugglers.

Climbing deaths

Kathmandu (Reuter) – The autumn Himalayan mountaineering season in Nepal is nearing a record death toll with 14 people killed in nine weeks in avalances and heavy snowfall.

Death at 130

Nariobi (AFP) – Mr Petro Gacheira Mburuburg, who died at the reputed age of 130, left more than 200 descendants spanning four generations, the Kenya news agency reported.

Deviant check

Brisbane (Reuter) – Bar staff in Queensland must identify and eject drug dealers, sexual deviants and child molesters or lose their licence under a draft state law.

Angry Peres rejects settlers' threats

From Our Correspondent, Jerusalem

The Israeli Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, has been goven a clear warning by the leaders of settlers in the occupied territories that he will risk widespread civil disobedience, including refusal to pay taxes and do military service, if he tries to negotiate away control over the land.

The Council of Jewish Settlers in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, has drawn up a long statement saying that ceding even partial sovereignty over their areas, Jerusalem, or the Goaln Heights, would be "an allegal act and ought not to be obeyed".

Their attitude to the Government, they say, would be the same as that of Gemera; de Gaulle towards the rule of Vichy France.

Mr peres went angrily to the Knesset yesterday to attack what he called the "presumption, intimidation and deception of the council". Its members, he said, were seeking to usurp the Knesset's right to legislate, to create an atmosphere of fear, as though a discussion about peace is a disaster".

"Intimidation will not replace the ballot box in Israel, and the deception stands on feet of clay", he said.

The latest, "last chance", peace plan from King Husain of Jordan has meanwhile aroused no interest in Israel.

Outlined in Luxembourg on Tuesday to Mr Jacques Poos, current President of the EEC Council of Ministers, the plan calls for a preliminary meeting between Jordanian and American representatives. The King's original plan had included Palestine Liberation Organization members.

The second stage would be recognition of Israel by the PLO, followed by a joint Jordanian-Palestinian meeting with US representatives at an international conference of all five permanent members of the UN Security Council and all parties to the conflict.

Such a conference, the King believes, would clear the way to the direct peace talks with Israel that would solve the Palestinian problem.

But an Israeli Foreign Ministry official yesterday said that the plan was nothing but another attempt to bring the PLO to the negotiating table.

Egypt frees six accused of sex cult links

Cairo (AP) – Egypt has freed five Americans and a Frenchman held on suspicion of belonging to the Children of God, a US-based sexually-orientated religious cult, and has ordered them to leave the country.

The six were the last of 15 people held and later released in the past month

US and French officials and Egyptian prosecution sources said that the investigation had been of the detainees' alleged distribution of literature attacking religions, and the cult's calls for free sex.

Disillusion on ceasefire sparks Beirut fighting

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

Amid growing reservations by Christian leaders about Syria's proposed peace plan for Lebanon, fighting broke out yet again yesterday along the front Line through the centre of Beirut.

Although mild by comparison with the usual battles in the ruins of the old commercial sector of the city, and though only one man, a Lebanese Army corporal, was known to have been killed, it nonetheless reflected growing disenchantment among the Lebanese militias at the course of the peace talks in Damascus.

A pro-Syrian newspaper in Beirut claimed yesterday that the Christian Phalangists had reneged on the Damascus accord while the leftist daily *as-Safir* reported that Christian leaders had at the last moment refused to sign a ceasefire

For his part Mr Camille Chamoun, the Christian Maronite Finanace Minister, has complained that Christians cannot be expected to allow the President, himself a marionite, to become a mere figurehead of state in a new constitution.

Hanover conference agrees on secretariat

Europe tries to define Eureka

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

Foreign and research ministers from 18 European nations yesterday ended their meeting in Hanover on Eureka by agreeing that, whatever Eureka may or may not turn out to be, it should in principle have a secretariat.

A communiqué at the end of the two-day meeting said that the secretariat would be flexible and would come under the control of the Eureka ministerial conference, which will presumabley consist of the research ministers meeting every few months.

Eureka, a project proposed by the French last spring for a joint European effort to rival the Unites States and Japan, in technology, at the moment consists only of talks among the 12 member states of the enlarged EEC, as well as Sweden, Norway, Finland, Switzerland, Austria and Turkey.

The idea of a secretariat was favoured particularly by the smaller states who fear that, without it, the most lucrative projects to emerge will be seized on by the big countries and the big companies.

The two days of deliberations in Hanover, at which Britain was represented by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and by Mr Geoffrey Pattie, Minister for Information Technology, appeared unable to answer the central question of what Eureka actually would be.

This is not a particularly cynical view, since it seems to be shared by most of those taking part in the conference. They point out that a European attempt to rival the US and Japan is such a huge enterprise that it is not surprising that, only a few months after the idea, the Europeans are still uncertain how to go about it.

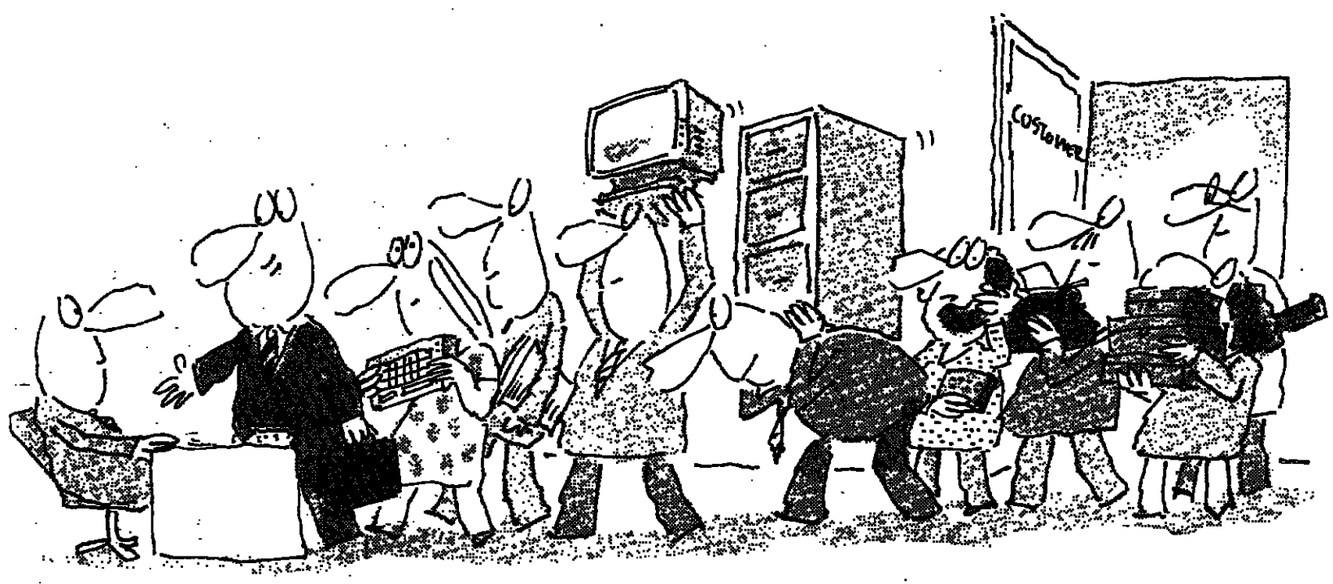
The purpose of this conference, and the next one expected in London in May, is to find out how to go about it.

A more understated purpose is to find out whether it is really possible. There appeared yesterday to be little further guidance from Hanover on the larger problems.

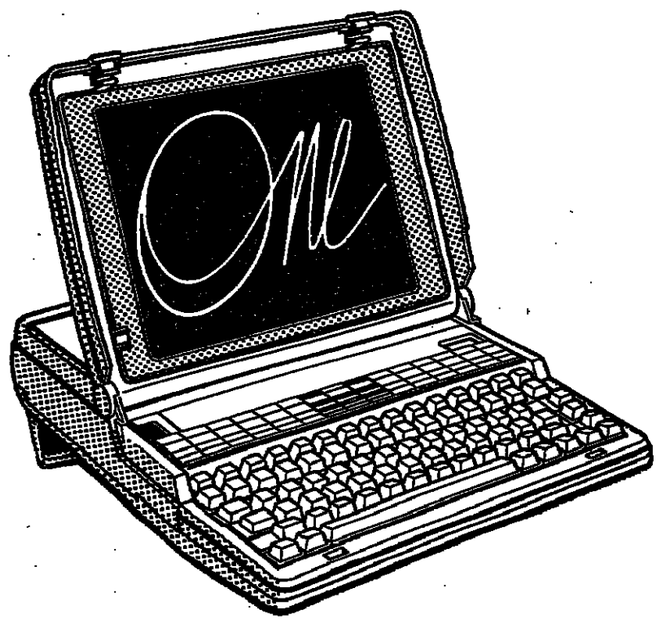
The biggest question seems to be money. The original French idea, though never so clearly stated, seemed to be for governments to contribute cash to some central, international authority which would then allot sums for specifice research.

But Britain and West Germany, with their philosophical objections to such government spending, seem to want no part of that. It was clear that they see Eureka mainly as a device for sharing research rather than as a form of subsidy.

The conference also agreed to begin 10 "pilot" projects, including a West German proposal on lasers and a joint British and Spanish proposal for diagnosis of sexual diseases, particularly the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.



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Geneva summit count-down

Soviet space weapon threat adds to atmosphere of hostility

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The superpowers are approaching the Geneva summit meeting in an atmosphere of mutual suspicion and animosity characteized by a pledge here yesterday from Marshal Sergei Sokolov Defence Minster, that the USSR would match any space strike systems developed by the US.

Writing in *Pravda* on the eve of the 68th anniversary of the Russian Revolution, the warned: "It now seems to the White House that the US will achieve military superiority by creating a fundamentally new type of weapon – space strike systems. Byt Washington commits an error. The USSR will issue an adequate reply to the challenge.

"There will be no monopoly in outer space. Neither will Washington have the military advantages which the initiators of the Star Wars count upon

"The US, in seeking to undermine the Soviet Union's security, has virtually embarked upon the path of decrease in its own security and of the growth in the danger of war to the peoples of the world."

The hostile tone of the article, described by one senior western diplomat as sinister, has increased pessimism that any substantive agreements will be reached when Mr Gorbachov and President Reagan meet in Geneva.

Observers here claim that although the Marshal's threats are not in themselves new, their timing is significant in indicating that Mr Gorbachov is approaching the summit with a determination to act toughly if he fails to secure concessions over the space-based Strategic Defence Initiative.

The official news agency, Tass, singled out one section of the Defence Minister's words for special notice. He stated baldly: "Only a compete ban on space strike systems would clear the way to a radical reduction of nuclear armaments. The USSR stands for reaching agreement on pricisely this basis."

The publication of Marshal Sokolov's warning came less than 24 hours after the departure of the US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, who failed to achieve any significant narrowing of the gap between Soviet and American positions during a four-hour Kremlin meeting with Mr Gorbachov.

The results of the 14 hours of bilateral discussions in Moscow have convinced observers that expectations for Geneva must be lowered even further, particularly in the vital field of arms control, where the gap remains daunting.

Even Mr Shultz, who had arrived in Moscow expressing hopes for progress, ended by having to emphasize the long-term nature of the East-West dialogue. He deliberately dampened expectations of movement on the main issues.

The Geneva summit, Mr Shultz told a press conference, would be useful as "a bureaucratic device", but he added pointedly that it should not be seen as an end in itself. "Life does not end in the middle of November".

Apart from the deep differences over space weapons – the overriding concern on the Soviet side – there are also yawning gaps on the issues of human rights, especially those of Soviet Jews, and of regional conflicts in which the USSR is involved.

In Moscow, the deep distrust of the US felt by many ordinary citizens has been reflected clearly in a series of letters on the summit published this week by *Pravda*.

Typical is the suspicion of Mr G Dyachok, a Soviet villager. "One has only to recall how much the Afghan rebels, the Unita bandits and other CIA agents are being paid – not to mention experiments with anti-satellite systems and preparations for Star Wars – to realize that Washington's 'Concrete proposals' do not have the same ring of truth as the Soviet ones", he wrote.

Dr V Vlask, from Ivano-Franovsk, stated: "I and many of my friends are worried by one thought: can one trust Washington when they say one thing and do the complete opposite".



A Swiss postcard for the summit which has the right names but the wrong dates – they should be two days earlier.

Reagan denies hinting at soft line on Star Wars

From Michael Binyon, Washington

President Reagan denied yesterday that he had ever intended to suggest in his interview with Soviet journalists that the Russians could veto his Strategic Defence Initiative.

"Would you forgive me if I say, Hell no", he said. He was clarifying his remark, published in *Izvestia* on Monday, that the US would not deploy a space-based defence system until "we do away with our nuclear missiles, our offensive missiles".

He said yesterday: "What I talked about repeatedly and to many others . . . is when we've got it developed and we know that we have that kind of a defensive weapons, we want to sit down with the rest of the nuclear powers in the world and say: 'Hey, now join us in getting rid of nuclear weapons and instituting a defence'."

The President was asked about the lack of optimism on the coming summit by Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, after his Moscow talks. "Moscow has a way of making you that way", Mr Reagan replied.

From Reykjavik, where Mr Shultz made an overnight stop on his way home, US officials confirmed the gloomy assessment, saying only minor agreements at best could be expected from the summit. A senior official, however, said it would be wrong to judge the meeting on what would be signed there, as the Soviet leadership was preoccupied at present with internal affairs.

Euro-MP in bid to ban bullfights

From Richard Wigg
Madrid

A British Member of the European Parliament yesterday boldly launched a campaign in Madrid to ban bull-fighting after Spain joins the EEC in January.

Mr Richard Cottrell, Conservative MEP for Bristol and Bath, selected for the occasion the first meeting here of a group of his colleagues with their new Spanish partners in the Democratic group in the European Parliament.

These, however, are members of the right-wing Popular Alliance of Señor Manuel Fraga. Many arewell-known bullfight *Aficionados*.

Quite undeterred, Mr Cottrell gave generous newspaper interviews in whichh he warned Spaniards emerging, as he chose to put it, from their "iberiandarkness", that in the EEC they will be forced to abandon "the torturing of animals to death in public".

Pressure will be brought through the European Parliament, he claimed, to make Spain ban bullfighting. Hhe promised he would make a start in Strasbourg in January.

However Lord Douro, heir to the Duke of Wellington, whose title comes from his ancestor's involvement in the Peninsular War, spoke for the majority of his colleagues in Madrid when he observed: "We in Britain would be outraged if the European Parliament sought to outlaw foxhunting."

Mr Cottrell claimed that Spain would be contravening an EEC directive already in force which bans the slaughter of animals by means other than an electric stun gun.

When value-added tax goes on bullfight admission tickets from January 1, as on other public entertainments in Spain, the Brussels Commission will be guilty of "accepting blood money", Mr Cottrell said.

Black says Cape police killed two in attack on mourners

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Four more deaths were reported by police yesterday and on Tuesday in unrest in the Western Cape, the first since restrictions imposed last weekend on television and press coverage, which the South African Government claims is partly to blame for the violence.

The most serious incident occurred on Tuesday in Guguletu, an African township near Cape Town, where police say they fired on a crowd of about 700 who attacked a patrol with petrol bombs and stones.

Two black men, aged 18 and 20, were killed, and a third, aged 25, was wounded, according to the police version.

There were no independent witnesses. However, the Empilisweni Clinic in the nearby crossroads squatter camp treated some of those wounded, and a spokesman for the clinic telephoned the *Cape Times* with a different account.

The spokesman quoted one of the wounded as saying that he had been in a crowd of people returning from the funeral of an unrest victim. A blue police van had drawn up and one of the policemen in it shouted "You are going to die, *jou donders* (you bastards)". The police had then opened fire.

A party of MPs belonging to the opposition Progressive Federal Party (PFP) visited the clinic yesterday to try to get more information. Journalists were warned by police that they might be arrested if they accompanied them.

Earlier in the day, at least one foreign television crew went to Guguletu to film people wounded in the shooting in what could prove a test of the new media restrictions. They were not stopped, but it is not clear whether filming people wounded in unrest is the same thing as filming unrest.

For the moment, it appears that television crews are not automatically being stopped from entering black townships in emergency areas. But they have been told that as soon as any riot or disturbance breaks out they must cease filming and leave immediately.

It is still too early to assess the practical implications of the restrictions, since for the past week there has been something of a lull in the violence, and there has not yet been an incident of a kind to test how strictly the new measures are being enforced.

Meanwhile, a dissident Afrikaner clergyman, Dr Nico Smith, yesterday criticized South African churches "for allowing the development of a political system which could plunge the country into revolution".

Dr Smith had planned to lead a multiracial party of Dutch Reformed Church ministers for talks with the outlawed African National Congress in Lusaka. He was told on Tuesday by the Minister of Home Affairs, Mr Stoffel Botha, that they would not be allowed to leave the country.

● **BRUSSELS:** The International Federation of Journalists has condemned press censorship in South Africa (AP reports).

"Censorship will not solve problems, only highlight the undemocratic nature of your government", the Secretary, Mr Hans Larsen, said in a telegram yesterday to President Botha.

Doctor saves Walesa's bacon

From Roger Boyes
Warsaw

Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader, had hoped to attend the funeral yesterday of a young chemistry student who died after falling from a police van. At the last moment he decided not to go.

It proved a wise decision. At 2pm, at about the time that the funeral cortège of Marcin Antonowicz was moving towards the cemetery, Mr Walesa's doorbell rang. Six agents of the secret police burst in when the door was opened and fanned out around his living room.

A tape recorder was switched on. "We are instructed to take you immediately to the provincial prosecutor's office", declared the leader of the unit. Mr Walesa in return presented the officer with an "L4" medical form that exempts individuals from work and legal testimony.

The police wanted to force him to hear evidence showing that he criminally libelled Poland's vote-counters when he accused the authorities of exaggerating the turnout in last month's parliamentary elections.

He had gone to the prosecutor's office in the morning and announced that he would not testify; when the prosecutor started to read the evidence against him, he walked out. His lawyer suspects that the authorities are acting on the case with unusual speed because they want to sentence Mr Walesa before the declaration of an amnesty by the new Parliament.

Fortunately for Mr Walesa, the agents brought their own doctor, a woman, with them when they arrived on their unannounced visit. The doctor – who was presumably supposed to declare the Nobel laureate fit and well – found that he had unusually high blood pressure. The police had to give up for the day.

In nearby Olsztyn, the emphasis was on private tragedy and muted public protest rather than on the bureaucratic farce in Gdansk. "No flowers, please", said the notice in the church, but the flowers came anyway for Mr Antonowicz, aged 19, who died last weekend of severe injuries to the brain.

Although such funerals have a way of eschewing ambiguity and declaring the victim a martyr, there is still considerable mystery about the circumstances of his death. Solidarity has put together a dossier of interviews with doctors and witnesses which claim that he was picked up on the night of October 19.

The police patrol said he was drunk, put him in the back of a patrol van and started to drive to a sobering-up station. The Solidarity version is that there was a scuffle which resulted in injuries to Antonowicz's skull, consistent with his being beaten by a rubber truncheon.

● Informed sources say that the British Ambassador to Poland, Mr John Morgan, has become the first European Community envoy since Martial Law to hold talks with Mr Walesa.

The meeting came on October 16, three days after the parliamentary election.

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Arms chief's hope of INF deal

From Richard Owen, Brussels

Mr Paul Nitze, President Reagan's special adviser on arms control, said yesterday that the United States regretted that it had not been possible to achieve a "substantial narrowing" of differences between the superpowers during talks in Moscow between Mr George Shultz and Soviet leaders.

But Washington welcomed Moscow's acceptance in principle of a possible interim agreement on intermediate nuclear forces (INF) separate from the question of strategic nuclear missiles or space defence issues.

Mr Nitze said that the Russians had previously made this proposal only informally, but it had now been put in on the negotiating table at Geneva and had formed a part of Mr Shultz's discussions in Moscow with Mr Gorbachov and with Mr Eduard Shevardnadze. This favourable development marked "movement forward on the Soveit side."

Mr Nitze was reporting to Nato on Mr Shultz's talks as part of the continuing consultation between the United States and its European allies in the run-up to the summit meeting in three weeks. He said that remaining obstacles on the question of medium-range missiles included the Soviet demand that Moscow should have compensation for British and French independent nuclear deterrants.

A related problem had arisen over the Soviet definition of strategic nuclear delivery systems, which Mr Nitze said excluded Soviet medium-range forces threatening Europe but included "those forces we have deployed to support the defence of our allies", a reference to cruise and Pershing.

It was nonetheless encouraging that the Russians appeared no longer to be making "a firm and absolute linkage" between INF and the other arms issues.

Asked if the most important issues would be arms control, as the Russians insisted, or regional and human rights issues, as the Reagan Administration wants, Mr Nitze said that arms control problems were the result of political tensions

In a speech at Ankara University, Lord Carrington, the Nato Secretary General, said he hoped that the summit would lead to "productive negotiations" leading to reductions in both strategic and medium-range weapons.

Mines kill 11 Colombo security men

Colombo – Seven policemen and four Sri Lankan soldiers were killed yesterday in two incidents in the Eastern Province when their vehicles went over landmines believed buried by separatists Tamil guerrillas (Gamini Weerakoon writes).

The policemen died at Seruvila, near Trincomalee. Security officials cordoned off the area and sent helicopters to search for the guerrillas who had detonated the mine, but no arrests were reported.

The four soldiers died at Warkari near Batticoloa. Three others who were wounded had been rushed to a government hospital.

Meanwhile reports from Jaffna, the main town of the Northern Province, said that explosions were heard near the hotel where the committee appointed to monitor the cease-fire between the government forces and guerrillas had gathered to hear public complaints. The committee continued its business.

On Friday last week a naval officer, his wife and five others were killed in Trincomalee when their vehicle drove over a landmine.

The Government said 10 guerrillas were killed last week in the north-western province near Mannar town.

Taxi driver buys freedom for East German friend

Bonn (Reuter) – A West German taxi driver has bought exit to the West for an East German friend in a clandestine cash deal with East Berlin – apparently the first such deal by a private citizen – a West German newspaper said today.

The *Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* quoted Herr Horst Feuchter as saying he handed 60,000 marks (£15,780) in savings to a contact man at a rendezvous in East Berlin at which he had to identify himself by the codename "Big Bear".

Herr Feuchter's friend, Herr Reinhard Winter, was granted an East German exit visa shortly before Christmas, the paper said.

West Germany regularly secures emigration for East Germans by paying cash to East Berlin, but the Feuchter case appears to be the first reported to involve a private citizen.

Herr Feuchter, a taxi driver from near Hahover, believed the deal was arranged by East Germany's intelligence-gathering Ministry for State Security.

23 die as floods sweep US

From Trevor Fishlock
New York

Twenty-three people were killed and thousands fled their homes as a storm caused serious flooding in several American states.

Hundreds of houses were submerged and some swept away as rivers burst their banks. Helicopters plucked several hundred people from rooftops.

The ardest-hit areas were in Virginia, West Birginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and North Carolina. In some parts a state of emergency was declared.

The storm was the tail-end of Hurricane Juan. Hundreds of roads were flooded, many of them under 15ft of water. Sixty barges were torn from their moorings in the river at Pittsburgh



Some riverside districts in Virginia were evacuated after six one-ton tanks of chlorine were washed into the James River.

Thousands of people were quartered in emergency shelters and many people stranded.

Portugal's new premier warns of EEC task

From Martha de la Cal, Lisbon

Portugal's new Prime Minister, Senhor Anibal Cavaco Silva and his Cabinet were sworn in yesterday by President Eanes. It is a minority government based on the 29.9 per cent of the vote the Social Democrats polled in last month's election.

In his acceptance speech Senhor Cavaco Silva said that though his government did not have a majority in Parliament it had a clear mandate from the voters.

He knew the task of governing would not be easy because of the severe economic and social problems, which he described in detail, but "crises can be overcome and countries go on".

The Prime Minister called on opposition parties to co-operate in discussing the country's problems. He warned them not to "Deliberately prevent the legitimate government from acting efficiently." The Socialist have already said they will vote against Senhor Cavaco Silva's programme.

The Prime Minister backed entry into the EEC, but reminded the Portuguese that it would not cure the country's ills without great effort

He would protect Portugal's national interests in the EEC, and Portugal would "refuse to be given the role of poor relation in the Community". He called on the richer nations to help under-developed European countries.

Mwinyi names new cabinet

Dar Es-Salaam (Reuter) – President Mwinyi of Tanzania named a new cabinet that included the former prime minister, Mr Salim Ahmed Salim, as deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister. The former justice minister, Mr Joseph Warioba, became Prime Minister.

Books seized

Peking (Reuter) – Peking has confiscated and destroyed a million copies of 50 books in a crackdown on pornographic literature, according to Chinese reports.

Priests killed

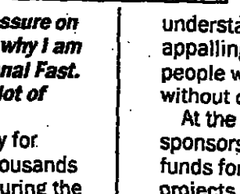
Rome – The Pope expressed "deep sorrow" at the news of the murder of two Jesuit priests at their mission in Mozambique.

Astrofrog

Jakarta (Reuter) – Indonesia is to put a giant Sumatran frog, 30in long, on board the US space shuttle in June, together with a woman scientist, aged 33, and an Indonesian satellite.

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Troops patrol darkened Santiago after violence

Santiago (Reuter) – Hundreds of troops patrolled the darkened streets of Santiago after anit-government protests in which 34 people were injured and at least 150 arrested.

Demonstrators built barricades of rocks and flaming tyres in working-class districts, where residents heard bursts of gunfire and explosions. Four demonstrators were shot.

Soldiers in combat gear stood guard every 10 yards on some main roads while others patrolled in trucks and vans.

Shortly after 10.20pm the capital and large parts of central Chile were plunged into darkness by bomb attacks on powerlines. The blackout affected cities from Coquimbo to Chillan, 550 miles apart.

A telephone caller from a leftist guerrilla group, the Manuel Rodgriguez Patriotic Front, told news organizations that it had sabotaged pylons as a gesture of support for the protest. The demonstrations were called by trade unions and leftist political parties in support of six opposition leaders jailed after protests in September. The six have been on hunger strike for a week.

Police said a 17-year-old girl was shot in the legs on Tuesday from a passing car. Three youths were shot in seperate clashes with troops and one is in a serious condition, with a bullet in the stomach.

Four policemen were among the 30 injured in clashes in shanty towns and at four university capuses in Santiago.

At least 100 people were arrested there and in the city centre, where police used tear gas and water cannon to disperse demonstrators.

Disturbances were also reported in Valparaiso, where 24 people were detained, Antofagasta, Punta Arenas, Talcahuano, Concepcion and Temuco.

Alfonsín gains 65 seats in national poll

From Douglas Tweedale
Buenos Aires

President Alfonsín's Radical Party won 65 of the 127 seats contested in Sunday's Argentine election, increasing its majority in the 254-member Chamber of Deputies by one seat, according to the provisional results given below.

Argentine congressional election results
(1983 figures in brackets)

Party	% of vote	Seats won	Total seats	Provinces/ districts won
Radicals	43 (48)	65	130 1 gain	20 (12)
Peronists (3 factions)	35 (38)	46	103 8 loss	2 (10)
Intransigent party (left-wing)	6 (2.4)	5	6 3 gains	– –
UCD (conservative)	3 (1.1)	2	3 1 gain	– –
Others (local or provincial)	13 (9.6)	7	12 5 gains	2 (2)
		127	254	

Shuttle returns from successful science mission

The space shuttle Challenger, chartered by West Germany and carrying a record crew of eight, landed yesterday in California after a week-long scientific mission

The 22nd shuttle flight, carrying five Americans, two West Germans and a Dutchman, carried out more than 70 experiments

For the first time the scientific operations and payload were controlled from a centre outside the United States: the German Space Operations Centre at Oberpfaffenhofen, near Munich.

But the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration maintained control over the shuttle vehicle

West Germany paid about $64 million (£44 million) to lease the shuttle's entire cargo containing the $1 billion laboratory built by the European Space Agency.

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Athens to send refugees back for trial in Bulgaria

From Mario Modiano, Athens

An Athens appeal court has ruled that three ethnic Turks who fled with their families from Bulgaria to escape persecution must be surrendered to Bulgarian authorities to face trial as common criminals.

The Athens office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, taking a serious view of their case, is giving them legal assistance to appeal to the Supreme Court against the extradition ruling whose promulgation is expected today. The final decision rests with the Greek Minister of Justice.

Officials in the High Commissioner's Office recall a case in 1975 involving a Bulgarian army officer who fled to Salonika by hijacking a plane. He jumped to his death in the prison courtyard when he heard that the tribunal had ordered his extradition.

The three men in this case, Mr Yusuf Bilaoglou, aged 20, Mr Hussein Mestanoglu, aged 39, and his brother, Said, aged 30, said that while working on an irrigation project near the Greek frontier they dug a hole under the border fence. On April 13 they crept into Greece with their wives and children.

They were taken to the refugee transit camp in Lavrion under the protection of the UN High Commissioner's Office and asked to go to Turkey. The Turkish Government signified that it would accept them.

The three families applied for political asylum, arguing that their lives were threatened by an official campaign in Bulgaria to force the one million members of the Turkish minority to adopt Bulgarian names on the ground that they were Islamized Bulgarians. Those who resisted, they said, were killed. Mr Bilaoglu said the authorities had renamed him Iosif Angelov.

They confirmed reports that members of the minority were barred from speaking Turkish or practising the Muslim religion.

The Bulgarian authorities, however, asked for the extradition of the three refugees on charges of theft which according to the indictment were committed two years before their escape, as well as of burning down an Orthodox church six months before.

Although the UN-appointed defence lawyer argued that the indictment had been antedated to show its issue three days before their flight, the court granted the Bulgarian request and the three were remanded in custody pending appeal.



Bavarian country women in local costume travelling in a hay wagon to church in Bad Tölz yesterday to celebrate the festival of St Leonhard, patron saint of animals.

Gandhi hopes of Assam peace hang on December poll

From Michael Hamlyn
Delhi

Almost three years after bloody turmoil caused by unwanted elections in Assam, the state will go to the polls again next month to put the seal on a peace agreement arrived at between leaders of "anti-foreigner" agitation and the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi.

The election commission announced in Delhi yesterday that work on removing immigrants from electoral rolls, as required by the settlement, had been completed and that elections to the 126-seat state assembly and to the 14 seats in the central Parliament would go ahead on December 16.

In the last Assam elections in February 1983, as many as 3,000 people were killed.

The elections were boycotted by the Assamese leaders of the agitation, principally students from the state university organized in the All Assam Students' Union.

The union has given birth to a political party, the Assam Gana Parishad (the Assam People's Council), which will contest the elections.

As in the recent Punjab elections, it would suit Mr Gandhi's if the Assamese Party should win the election, as it would then have the responsibility of bringing the state back to full normality.

On the same day as the Assam elections there will be by-elections to fill six Lok Sabha (Lower House) seats and 11 Assembly seats.

French Bill to limit elective posts

Cabinet backs curbs on multi-job MPs

From Diana Geddes, Paris

A Bill to restrict to two the number of elective posts an MP may hold, and to three the number held by local councillors, was approved yesterday by the French Cabinet.

French MPs are notorious for accumulating elective posts and the salaries that go with them, with the result that some posts are neglected. Decentralization and the increase in the powers and responsibilities of local authorities has made the need for reform.

Many well-known right-wing MPs are among the worst "offenders". M Jean Lecanuet, for example, best known as president of the centre-right UDF party, is also a senator, a member of the European Parliament, Mayor of Rouen, president of the Seine-Maritime departmental (county) council, and a regional councillor, for all of which he is said to receive a total of 61,500 francs a month, or £66,000 a year, plus the use of official cars, travelling expenses and so on.

M Alain Carignon, the up-and-coming young Gaullist RPR Mayor of Grenoble, is also president of the Isère departmental council, a regional councillor, and an MEP.

M René Monory, Finance Minister under former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, is a senator, president of the Vienne departmental council, president of the Charente-Poitou regional council and Mayor of Loudon.

Under the proposed law, no deputy or senator will be able to hold more than one of the following elective offices: European MP, regional councillor, departmental councillor, councillor of Paris, mayor of a town of more than 9,000 people, deputy mayor of a town of more than 100,000.

Local councillors, other than those in Paris, will be banned from holding more than two of these offices. The Bill also seeks to prevent one person from being president of the regional council and president of the departmental council.

Those holding more than the allowed number of elective offices when the Bill becomes law will not be required to resign any of them immediately but will have to stand down when a relevant post comes up for re-election.

The opposition is divided over the Bill, which is to have its first reading on November 27. M François Leotard, secretary general of the Giscardian Parti Republicain, one of the main constituents of the centre-right UDF, has already said he will vote for the Bill.

However, the RPR party is hostile, accusing the Socialists of trying to limit the effects of the opposition's predicted victory in March, when parliamentary and regional elections will be held on the same day.

Tense climax to world chess

Karpov win keeps title hopes alive

By Raymond Keene

The victory yesterday of Anatoly Karpov, the world champion, in the 22nd game of the world chess championship in Moscow leaves wide open the destination of the supreme title. Karpov sealed his 42nd move on Tuesday, and Gary Kasparov, the challenger, resigned his hopeless position by telephone.

The match score is now 11½ points to 10½ in Kasparov's favour, comprising four wins to Kasparov, three to Karpov, and 15 draws.

Kasparov needs to score only one point from the maximum of two games which remain, while Karpov must make 1½ points to retain his title by scoring 12 points and tieing the match.

On paper Kasparov remains the favourite, but Karpov has nerves of steel and has acquired immense experience of such tense conclusions from his past matches against Viktor Korchnoi.

There is likely to be an official time out today to mark the anniversary of the October Revolution, and play will resume on Saturday with the likeliness of a tense and thrilling finish.

Game 22 was a magnificent achievement by Karpov, who struck down his young opponent in a classic game of manoeuvre.

Kasparov's opening play was eccentric, involving the exchange of his valuable queen's bishop for a White knight, followed by a controversial decision on move 11 to capture the White knight with his bishop's pawn rather than his rook's pawn.

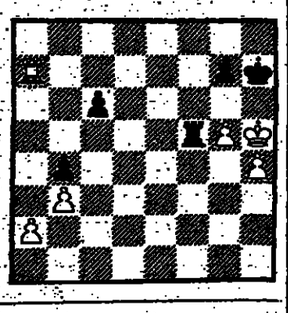
In spite of this, the positions appeared, roughly balanced. But as the game proceeded Kasparov fell into increasing time trouble and Karpov gradually encroached with a steady advance of his majority of pawns on the king's flank.

The decisive error came on move 35, when Kasparov's impatient thrust of his king's rook's pawn allowed Karpov to move into a winning rook and pawn end game.

At move 42 there were many ways for White to win and further resistance would have been useless. A typical winning plan among many would have been: 42 R-QB7 P-B4; 43 K-N4 R-Q4; 44 P-R5-K-N1; 45 P-N6 K-B1; 46 R-KB7 ch K-N1; 47 R-B5.

Queen's Gambit, exchange variation

1	P-Q4	P-Q4	2 P-QB4	P-K3
3	N-QB3	B-K2	4 PxP	PxP
5	B-B4	N-KB3	6 P-K3	0-0
7	N-B3	B-KB4	8 P-KR3	P-B3
9	P-KN4	B-N5	10 N-K5	KN-Q2
11	NxB	BPxN	12 B-N2	N-N3
13	0-0	K-B1	14 N-K3	P-N4
15	B-N5	B-Q3	16 Q-Q3	N-N3
17	P-N3	Q-K2	18 BxB	QxB
19	P-B4	PxP	20 PxP	QR-K1
21	P-B5	N-B2	22 R-B2	N-Q2
23	P-N5	Q-K3	24 P-KR4	Q-K5
25	R-Q1	N-N4	26 QxQ	BxQ
27	K-R2	N-B3	28 N-N3	N-B1
29	N-B1	R-K2	30 R-Q3	N(1)-Q3
31	N-N3	N-K5	32 BxN	PxB
33	R-K3	RxP	34 K-R3	R-K4
35	K-N4	P-R4ch	36 K-R5	RxBP
37	RxN	R(1)xP	38 RxR	RxN
39	RxP	K-K2	40 R-K7	P-N4
41	RxP	P-N5		



Greenpeace deal denied

From Richard Long, Wellington

The New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, suggested yesterday that M Roland Dumas, the French Foreign Minister, either did not understand the independent role of a Solicitor General or may have been seeking electoral currency when he said there had been negotiations between Paris and Wellington over the two French agents in custody for their part in the sabotage of the Greenpeace ship Rainbow Warrior.

While the New Zealand Government has rejected any suggesstion of a deal over the two agents, who this week pleaded guilty to reduced charges of manslaughter, both the French Defence Minister, M Paul Quilès, and Mr Dumas have insisted that there have been negotiations.

Mr Lange, under attack in Parliament over the claims, said that while there had been discussions with French officials in New York over compensation for the bombing, the New Zealand representatives had been instructed not to negotiate about the status of the agents.

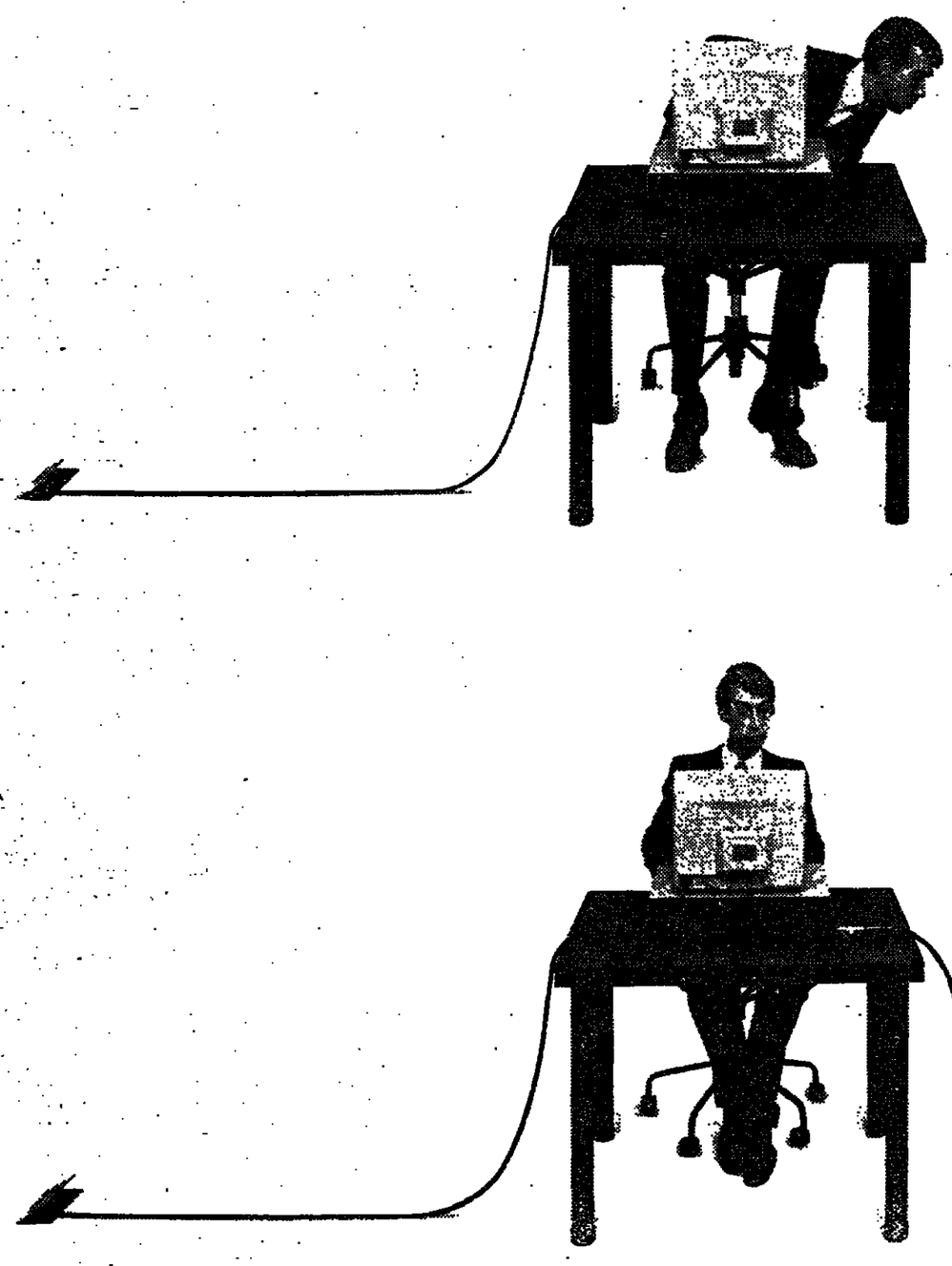


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THE ARTS

The radical painter **R. B. Kitaj** returns to the limelight with a show that opens tomorrow

The quiet approach

R.B. Kitaj likes to be alone. He changes his telephone number every six months, and usually insists on answering any questions by post. (And that is not by return, as he likes to ruminate. The biography of him just published reduces the author to pen-pal status.) "I'm what you call an urban hermit", says the painter. "I did all my travelling as a sailor in my youth."

This does not mean, however, that Kitaj is a solitary stay-at-home, working by candle-light, venturing out only at twilight. Every morning at around seven he drops in for his breakfast at a nearby café in Chelsea. Called the "Up-All-Night", it is by definition empty at that time, the revellers having gone home, and he can enjoy his breakfast of "Rock-bun smothered in butter" at his leisure. Sometimes he bumps into Francis Bacon on the way, as he lives around the corner, a prospect that might disturb a lesser urban hermit.

American-born, although he has lived in London for the best part of 25 years, Kitaj has been described variously by critics as "by a long way the most inventive of living representational painters" and "the most genuinely radical of his generation". Over the last ten years, however, Kitaj's camouflage has become so effective that the world could be forgiven for thinking he had disappeared altogether. However, the decade in question has been perhaps the most momentous of his life. In it he has got married and fathered a son after a 20 year gap, and embarked on the most ambitious phase of his career. An exhibition starting tomorrow should put his name firmly back on the art map.

The visitor intent on asking questions face to face, and who expects to be answered by a snarl, is in for a pleasant surprise. Although at 53 he looks rather like a lion, his face having adopted a permanent frown, and his hair radiating in a somewhat disturbing fashion from a crown on the side of his head, it immediately becomes apparent that he is of the biblical variety of lion: the gentle sort that sits at the feet of scholars in medieval manuscripts, and comes up to you mournfully with a thorn in its paw.

"I'm from that half of humanity that takes its time: my pictures can take years to make" is how he explains his period of silence. "But James Joyce took 16 years to write *Finnegans Wake* and 11 for *Ulysses*." Quoting Cézanne, he adds: "I think I know where I'm rowing. You begin to see the other side as you get older."

One of the challenges he has been tussling with is the designing of a 60-foot safety curtain for the Old Vic. Never one to opt for the easy subject, he has chosen *Hamlet* as his theme and has re-read the play with fervour. Propped up against the wall in his upstairs studio is a row of tall panels showing the single figures of Hamlet, his father and Ophelia in bright Kitaj colours – deep greens, yellows, reds, with some assistance from a Minoan colour-scheme he once saw.

Hamlet is light relief compared with Kitaj's main preoccupation, however. It is the ultimate subject of all for someone of his origins: what he calls the Jewish Passion, or holocaust. His interest stems from the fact that many of his family and friends are or were Jewish refugees. Half the works at the exhibition are on this subject, painted from a trendy backless chair, which lowers him into a suitably devotional kneeling position.

So far the subject has been covered in literature by authors like Bellow and Roth, but not yet by painters. "Because the thing is so unspeakable it is almost impossible to find a language for it. I am in the business of finding metaphors for whatever I like, as were each of the painters who depicted the crucifix. It's early days. I'm more likely than not to fall on my face." And then, with understated Jewish humour, "Maybe after my Jewish period I'll enter a yellow period instead".

At least he can rest assured that Christian painters were slow to tackle the Crucifixion. "I have made the startling discovery that there was no representation of it for 500 years after Christ's death." So far, only forty years after the Second World War, Kitaj has been trying to devise an equivalent symbol for the Cross. Small pastel drawings on the theme, with black outlines like stained glass (more than a passing tribute to Rouault) cluster in one corner.

"The chimney form kept recurring, as so many people went up in smoke", he says. The chimney shape also reminds him of an inkwell, and can therefore make a double reference, both to the learning of the Jews and to their destruction. "Both chimneys and inkwells have plumes", he reflects.

The most powerful holocaust painting planned for the show is the 8½-foot high *Self-portrait as a Woman*. Here a female form is seen from behind, naked except for shoes and socks, and a placard which hangs down her chest. "It's based on a certain little horror you come across in the photographs of holocaust literature", he explains. "When a girl was caught sleeping with a Jew, they put a placard on her. I thought of her as a heroine, and so decided to make myself that heroine, walking through a pretty little German town."

The face of the heroine, seen in profile, also bears a strong resemblance to Kitaj's beautiful young wife Sandra Fisher. Also American, she is a painter in her own right, and along with their one-year-old son Max takes Kitaj's mind on to the less taxing issues of nappy-changing and bath-time.

After living together for 14 years, two years ago Sandra and "RB" (as she calls him) decided to get married. Although "I'm not a believer: the question of what is a Jew will never be resolved", they chose a synagogue. "To be married in such a place you've got to have 10 Jewish men, so I had my friends the artists Frank Auerbach and Leon Kossoff. The only one who could be Christian was the best man, so I chose David Hockney."

Hockney has been a close friend for over 20 years, since they were both at the Royal College of Art. Kitaj recalls their first meeting: "I saw this drawing of a skeleton and thought it was the most beautiful thing I'd seen."

Although Hockney's sketches of Kitaj's two grown-up children are still on the wall, there is a gap where the skeleton should hang. For, although he succeeds in controlling his privacy, Kitaj plays the miser when it comes to his collection, which is an impressive array of work by his friends. And so the skeleton is out at an exhibition, and he has not seen his Hodgkin for three years. "I keep thinking I don't want to own anything any more, and giving the picture away to museums", he says; then on reflection decides he had better stop in order to have something left over for Max when he grows up.

Sarah Jane Checkland

● Kitaj's work is on show at Marlborough Fine Arts from tomorrow: *R. B. Kitaj* by Marco Livingstone is published by Phaidon at £4.45.



Philip Sayer

R. B. Kitaj in his studio: 'I am in the business of finding metaphors'

Theatre

Illusions of luxury

This Side of Paradise

Old Red Lion

With a work as saturated in luxury objects and fancy locations as Scott Fitzgerald's first novel, the only feasible alternative for an adapter is to present everything or nothing: and it is pretty obvious which you are going to get from a company called *Empty Space*.

Apart from a few bentwood chairs and the occasional set of spectacle frames, everything in the story, from the car in which the drunken Dick kills himself to the last match with which Amory lights up Eleanor's face, is mimed by the hard-doubling company of six. The style is absolutely consistent and it achieves the particular impact which rewards illusion created with the minimum means. The more elaborate the scene, the more powerful the effect; especially as the director-adapter, Andrew Holmes, excels in scenes of orchestrated background conversation, and the combination of lighting and voices to evoke crowded public places, from the Princetown campus to railway stations and New York clubs.

The company are not so hot in distinguishing one character from another (it is always a relief when Nigel Hollidge dons a crucifix, thus unmistakably identifying himself with the hero's Jesuit guardian); nor, more seriously, is there any clear reason why the figure of Amory should occupy the central position. He is supposed to be charming and fascinating as well as snobbishly immature, but the positive characteristics are signally lacking from Daniel Kronenberg's foxily self-obsessed performance. You have to take it on trust that he is irresistible to every girl who crosses his path, and a star to his Princeton side-kicks.

With that reservation, the performance offers a lucid analysis of a juvenile egoist learning to play the status game. Watch Mr Kronenberg as he gets his exam results and invites his friends to study his face "for primitive emotions", as he opens the envelope. He has failed: they turn their backs on him; and his face duly twists up despite his assumed poise. A citizen of a bubble era, Amory is himself a bubble, continually deflated (as doting girls turn out to be critics, and life fails to come up with the rewards he sees as his rightful due). Also, this actor knows how to speak the gracious language of the period as a verbal equivalent of those wide, sporty trousers and two-tone shoes.

Irving Wardle

Principles and politics

Devil's Peak

Croydon Warehouse

God has not smiled on the Jones family, poor whites from Cape Town. Of the three grown-up children, one is a long-term schizophrenic in an institution, his identical twin brother is a conscript fighting the "ters" in Angola, and their elder sister, whom we find cheating at patience and testing her IQ in a 25th storey "luxury shanty" in the Devil's Peak district, is a vividly dim media-person turned prostitute.

Preparing to entertain a government bigwig one afternoon, she is startled by the arrival of her uniformed brother who, weary from travelling, accepts crisps, cornflakes and jelly but declines kippers. James Last and Mogadon before falling asleep on the sofa. Shaken awake and dispatched for the duration of her client's visit to the block's laundry room, he blurts out that he has gone AWOL from his unit. The newly arrived politician has problems of his own – when a phone call alerts him of the death of his son, killed while policing a black township.

As a small throb of South African agony, Allan Leas's play is notably more successful at portraying family relationships that at illuminating political quandaries: the scenes of sibling affection (and later, antagonism) between Mavourneen Bryceland and Mr Leas playing his own creation are very good; the philosophical exchanges between Miss Bryceland and Peter Cartwright's grimly principled politician are not so good, with countless "winds of change" gusting through the dialogue – although the latter does have the play's best line when, clawing though an illicit copy of *Mayfair* magazine, he exclaims "These English have got the morals of a herd of pigs!"

It is a rare treat to see Brian Astbury's production so late in its run, when its well-oiled machinery is humming along on auto-pilot.

Martin Cropper

Television

Abstracting American techniques

The most interesting aspect of New York painting was its sudden dominance, in a period which roughly coincided with America's hegemony as an imperial power. But another reason, according to a commentator in last night's Another America: Painters Painting (Channel 4), was that those particular painters of the 1960s and early 1970s "took hold of the issue of abstract art"; another observer suggested that abstraction was the quintessentially American element.

And so we might plausibly construct the thesis: America equals abstraction. This was no doubt why Willem de Kooning, one of the many European painters who crossed the Atlantic, described the United States as "a very light place" – one of the small phrases which made this documentary so engaging.

Perhaps this is the strength of America, and therefore of American painting: it is abstract in the sense that it has escaped from ordinary versions of human experience and of social tradition. This means that the painting embraces form at the same time as it disavows suffering or difficulty; it elaborates upon the idea of painterly technique at the same time as it avoids questions of meaning or responsibility.

Anyone can argue about aesthetics, however, and the central interest of the programme was on a less sophisticated level – here for the first time were congregated the great exponents of American art, among them Stella, Rauschenberg, Warhol, and de Kooning.

It was therefore invaluable simply as an historical record, and those who are only too willing to denigrate or condemn the work of avant-garde artists should have noted the fact that those involved in the late exploration of abstract art are more serious, more forceful (and infinitely more interesting) than those who parrot the usual populist clichés.

Of course, most of those artists now seem part of an epoch long since gone (as did the rather self-conscious trickiness of this programme's techniques), but this has only served to enhance the importance of their work as part of a larger culture which has changed, for better or for worse, everyone's way of seeing the world.

Peter Ackroyd

Fires of London/ Bauer-Schenk

Queen Elizabeth Hall

How to get a decent crowd to a first performance of a work by a youngish composer who, though possessed of abundant talent, is scarcely yet a household name? Well, the Fires of London did it simply by inviting along someone who is, namely Elisabeth Söderstrom, who gave memorable performances of song-cycles by Peter Maxwell Davies and Shostakovich.

More of those later, however, for pride of place must go by rights to the new work, Brian Elias's *Geranos*, a substantial instrumental piece inspired by ancient Greek dance. Elias has created something of powerful originality, a music that rejoices in its fast outer movements with appositely ebullient solos which exploded from some skilfully variegated textures.

But all is not exuberance: the central movement, sub-titled "Adonidia" (a lament for Adonis) is wrecked by grief. Particularly telling here is the writing for E flat clarinet, wailing chillingly at both extremes of its register. And at the beginning and end of the entire work the basic harmonies from which the piece is built are presented in linear fashion and in disembodied manner, somehow giving Geranes an air of impersonalized ritual that, however, only draws the listener further inward to its heart.

Having got there, though, he will not experience the same still quiet that lies at the centre of Davies's cycle for soprano, alto flute, mandolin, guitar and percussion, *Fiddlers at the Wedding* (1973). Here ordinary, everyday things in Orcadian life take on vast and mysterious significances; man and the soil, sea and sky. Miss Söderstrom sang Davies's ornate though purely instinctive vocal lines with a native's sensitivity to George Mackay Brown's words, while the Fires under Gunther Bauer-Schenk responded with equal refinement.

The imagery was more overtly dramatic in Shostakovich's *Seven Romances of poems of Aleksandr Blok*, composed in 1967 and showing its vintage through its obsessive darkness and desolation. Söderstrom unleashed a marvellous range of emotions here: in the power and terror of "Gamayan, the Prophet Bird", for example, or in the deep melancholy of "The City is Sleeping". Once again the Fires, here reduced to a piano trio heard song by song in every possible combination, were astute partners. Without Söderstrom, they also expertly gave Edison Denisov's compelling Piano Trio of 1971, a concentrated work showing the influence of Ligeti.

Stephen Pettitt

Concerts

LPO/Svetlanov

Festival Hall

The meeting of Alfred Brendel and Yevgeny Svetlanov is a sight worth seeing and a sound worth hearing, as Nottingham will discover tonight in their repeat programme. A pianist himself, Svetlanov takes a delight similar to Brendel's in kindling mental pattern into physical phenomenon: when the two work together, sparks fly.

Take the finale of Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto, for instance. Svetlanov gleefully played with its rondo as with a perfectly-oiled working model. Brendel, for his part, was the Heath Robinson who activated its complexity and wit, deftly flipping every switch in sight, from the first impish note to the last sudden Presto.

The first two movements, the Allegro dense and driven, the Largo unusually taut, had provided the charge for this release of energy. Svetlanov, at first near obsessed with weight and counter-weight, would be answered by Brendel's breaking down of each hard demarcation into crystallized fragments. Then at the end of the cadenza, Brendel would create an extraordinary moment of apparent dissolution, as trill and passage-work revealed a sudden, deceptive fragility. In the Largo, on the other hand, a stretch of passagework would be rigorously tautened as if to sustain more firmly the layers of dialogue-in-between.

After the interval, attention was focused entirely on Svetlanov and the London Philharmonic. It was good to hear Glazunov's *Lyric Poem*.

The baton was taken up again for Tchaikovsky's Fantasy after Dante, *Francesca da Rimini*. If there is, as Dante's Francesca says, "no greater sorrow than to remember happy times in misery", then Robert Hill's clarinet testified eloquently to music's power to transmute grief into melancholy. The wholly pleasurable sorrow of his solo was met on both sides by powerfully amassed orchestral storms, rhythmic figures knocking against each other with thrillingly sustained accuracy and brilliance.

Hilary Finch



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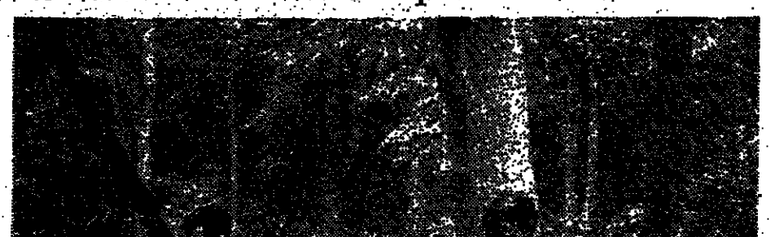
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Army Officer

The top doctor's dilemma

The Times Profile: Donald Acheson

More than anyone else, Dr Donald Acheson knows the true scale of the public health crisis that the Aids epidemic threatens in Britain. More than anything else, the huge social implications of the disease – already traumatizing society in the United States – will overshadow his term as Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health.

He is the government doctor to whom politicians, the medical profession and the public are looking for advice in forming the nation's defences against the remorseless spread of the disease.

The pressure on Dr Acheson to come up with the correct prescription is enormous. The consequences of getting it wrong are unthinkable.

When he moved less than two years ago into his seventh floor office, with its gloomy outlook over London's shabby Elephant and Castle, there were 28 cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome in the country.

Today 121 people are dead and another 124 confirmed cases face death. There are believed to be another 10,000 people with signs of the infection and, over the next three years, at least 2,000 of them will become terminal cases. There will also be many thousands of new carriers.

Even with all the statistics at his disposal, Dr Acheson cannot predict when the soaring graph of new sufferers and inevitable deaths will reach its peak.

But he can foresee that when he retires from his post, in a maximum of six years' time, there is unlikely to be an effective treatment or vaccine.

So what can he hope to achieve between now and then? Donald Acheson's prime role is to advise Ministers on innumerable aspects of public health policy. He has no executive powers, no budget.

But he does have influence. It is his ability and willingness to use that influence – on politicians, the medical profession and the public – which will help shape the health of the nation in these next anxious years.

Essential to that influence is Dr Acheson's credibility. Since taking office, he has been trying to convince Ministers of the serious risks of Aids and the need for strong and urgent action.

At the same time he has been struggling to damp down public alarm – frequently fanned to near-hysteria by "gay plague" tabloid headlines – with meticulously careful public statements.

Such is Donald Acheson's reputation that few people in the higher ranks of science and medicine doubt that he could be the most effective Chief Medical Officer in decades. One highly-qualified observer says: "The Government is damned lucky to have got him."

Acheson is a scientist with vast experience and unique qualifications. The son of an Ulster doctor, born and raised in Belfast, educated in Edinburgh and Oxford, he has been an expert in the study of disease for more than 20 years.

From professor of clinical epidemiology at Southampton University he went on to become the foundation dean of the university's new medical school in 1968. There he made what one former colleague describes as "an outstanding contribution to broadening the teaching of medical students."

In 1979 he became director of the Medical Research Council's environmental epidemiology unit at Southampton, one of the country's most important health research centres.

His research there with Professor Martin Gardner on the health risks of asbestos led to a ban on blue and brown asbestos imports and the introduction of stringent safety standards.

He was chairman of a study group which investigated primary health care in inner London and, in 1981, put forward an extraordinary report, with 115 recommendations for urgent change. They ranged from retirement of family doctors at 65 to sweeping changes affecting hospitals, surgeries and community nursing.

Dr Acheson went on to become chairman of the Southampton and South West Hampshire District Health Authority until 1983. When he accepted the job of Chief Medical Officer at the Department of Health, he was, says one senior medical figure, "beyond doubt the best choice".

Throughout his career, Donald Acheson's leitmotiv has been to apply a methodical, scientific approach to every problem, scrutinizing each grain of evidence, and coming steadily towards a conclusion.

Today he is trying to apply those same principles to his role as medical adviser to the Government. But, as he has discovered, there are difficulties. "I feel I'm putting my reputation on the line in public quite frequently in this job", he says. "If my scientific credibility goes nobody will believe me. So I must personally satisfy myself of the evidence on every issue."

Such caution, instinctive in the best scientists, is prompted not merely in defence of his reputation. Much more is at stake. The wrong advice to Ministers on Aids could result in catastrophic errors in health policy. A wrong word in public could undo months of work. Even so, some doctors feel he was too slow in acting to protect haemophiliacs from contaminated blood products.

Dr Acheson's determination to avoid mistakes has led to some bruising confrontations with colleagues and advisers within the department. Normally soft-spoken and amiable, he is capable of the most ruthless grilling of those who sit around his conference table.

Civil servants unused to the third degree have left such meetings badly shaken. But he seeks their understanding. "I'm not trying to demolish their point of view", he explains. "It's my way of finding things out.

"I hope people understand that cross-examining them in a rather aggressive way is how I learn to change my own views.

"The key thing is deciding what you want done. It's essential to get the main issues to the top of the pile and not let the details engulf you."

Dr Acheson itemizes willpower, patience and "a touch of passion" as three of the most important qualities to employ in his work. Undoubtedly he has all three, but his patience evaporates when he detects a whiff of laissez-faire among bureaucrats.

As the foundation dean at the faculty of medicine at Southampton University during the 1970s, and then as chairman of the Southampton and South West Hampshire District Health Authority, he became enraged when local officials referred to "normal slippage".

"It made me almost apoplectic. They would say a new hospital was scheduled to be completed by 1981, but with 'normal slippage' that would, in fact, mean it wouldn't be ready until 1984.

"I saw red. Once you get people thinking that way, it shows something is deeply wrong."

With the number of Aids cases doubling in Britain every six months, Dr Acheson cannot allow even a hint of such attitudes to survive around him.

The national introduction on October 14 of tests to screen the blood of donors for traces of the Aids virus was a remarkable example of how he has succeeded in having targets met. The date was set six months earlier, posing a colossal task for the blood transfusion service, the public health laboratory service, and civil servants at the Department. It was achieved exactly on schedule.

Dr Acheson has helped to persuade Ministers to double government spending on Aids with another £1 million. He has pushed through precise guidelines for everyone at risk, from laboratory staff handling samples and nurses caring for patients, to the high-risk groups of homosexuals, haemophiliacs, drug abusers and their sexual contacts and families.

He has defended the confidentiality of all patients and worked very hard to win the co-operation of all groups, particularly homosexuals. "It's essential to work with the gay community, rather than against them", he says.

"The talks we have had with them have been very good. They are most admirable people in their sense of responsibility.

"If you react to the people at risk in a hostile way, they will be alienated and not come forward for diagnosis and advice, and may be tempted to behave in an irresponsible way."

Dr Acheson is convinced that the key to controlling the spread of Aids is to change sexual behaviour. While imposing no moral tone, he makes it clear that society must become less promiscuous in order to protect itself.

He has been the chief advocate of a massive government publicity campaign, now in the final stages of preparation, which will soon be launched to hammer the message home to the public.

The strongest appeal to him of the Chief Medical Officer's job is the unrivalled chance to influence medical policy. "If it is true that the CMO has no power or money, he can wield influence if he plays his cards correctly", he says.

But many doctors resented the dose of unpalatable medicine he forced on them earlier this year with the Government's limited list of drugs they could freely prescribe.

Some felt he had all too easily made the transition from being one of their own to being an unsympathetic "one of them" in Whitehall.

Though the current view from within the British Medical Association is that he may have been prematurely judged, a wariness remains. On Aids, however, there is no criticism.

His own view is: "My first priority must be to ensure that a source of unbiased objective advice on scientific matters related to medicine and health is always available to Ministers within the government machine.

"It is for Ministers themselves to decide how to use it."

Thomson Prentice



The Government's doctor: "I'm putting my reputation on the line quite frequently in this job"

BIOGRAPHY

- 1926: Born in Belfast, son of Dr Malcolm Acheson, MC, and Dorothy Rennoldson.
- 1938: Educated at Merchiston Castle boarding school, Edinburgh, and Brasenose College, Oxford.
- 1951: Qualified as a medical practitioner.
- 1955: Married Barbara Castle, a staff nurse at the Middlesex Hospital, London, where he was a physician. They have five daughters and a son.
- 1962: Became director of the medical record linkage study at Oxford.
- 1966: Published his research into multiple sclerosis.
- 1968: Became professor of clinical epidemiology at Southampton University, and foundation dean of the faculty of medicine.
- 1979: Appointed director of the Medical Research Council's environmental epidemiology unit at Southampton, and member of the Royal Commission on environmental pollution.
- 1981: Became chairman of Southampton and South West Hampshire District Health Authority.
- 1983: Appointed Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health and Social Security.

Writer who turned over a new leaf

Hammond Innes, the author whose books swallow timber by the ton, has a passion for planting trees, writes Sally Brompton

"Books are nothing but timber with squiggles on", declares Ralph Hammond Innes. "I have no idea how many trees I may be responsible for having destroyed – and I don't want to know."

He is described as the world's greatest adventure novelist, having sold around two million copies of each of his 28 books. An awesome number of forests have doubtlessly been felled on his behalf, something that Hammond Innes, aged 72, cares about more strongly than most other authors. For while writing is his livelihood and *raison d'être*, trees are his passion and his sanctuary.

He has been planting forests for almost 30 years, owns well over 1,000 acres of land and is responsible for the cultivation of a million and a half trees in Wales, Suffolk and Australia.

He admits that he has been waiting for a long time to combine the two great loves of his life – by incorporating trees in one of his books. He has finally succeeded with his latest novel, *High Stand*, (Collins, £9.95) which takes the preservation of red cedars in British Columbia as its theme.

Hammond Innes's love affair with trees began in the mid-1950s when he witnessed the horrifying effects of deforestation in the Middle East. With awareness came the determination to do something about it. In 1956 he invested some of his royalties in three plots of derelict land – two in Wales totalling about 300 acres and another 230 acres near his 16th century home in Suffolk.

He did considerable research into forestry and then spent two weeks in British Columbia travelling into the fjords around Vancouver Island in a coast-guard cutter. "I have probably got a better picture of Canadian forestry than any forester in this country", he says.

We met at his converted barn in the western mountains of Wales. "It's very nice to be able to see that you've turned a section of the Ordnance Survey map from white to green", he says.

"I get an enormous sense of relaxation from the trees. My association with trees down here is very sensitive to the fact that one needs something quite elementary in one's life to relax, to recharge the batteries and to keep a sense of proportion with the world. I think it's very important to have two feet firmly bedded in nature." It is a feeling he shares with his wife, Dorothy, a former actress and a writer.

He is deeply concerned about how few people are aware of the threat to the world's forests. "If we're going to support a population this size with the timber consumption to which it is accustomed, then we've got to grow more timber", he says.

"Russia has already stopped indiscriminate felling. It used to fell and export the timber to Finland where it would be turned into pulp and exported to us. Now all the countries that were exporting timber to us are having to use it for their own purposes. Most of Europe is beginning to import timber. Well, where is it coming from?

"The Third World countries, where timber can grow fast, are using it more and more for heating. They need a great amount of timber to make charcoal for cooking. In Britain, people are buying wood-burning stoves without thinking where they are going to get the fuel."

Even Canada, a prime territory for forestation, has been caught unawares. While private companies have replanted trees on their own land for financial regeneration, the government, in the past, rented out its forests to timber fellers who did nothing to ensure a new generation of trees. "Now the Canadian government is in one hell of a mess", says Hammond Innes. "They are involved in terrific expenditure on replanting."



Innes: 'Trees to me are just a way of life'

One of the problems, he says, is the inability of politicians to think 50 or 60 years ahead – the length of maturity for an average tree.

"It doesn't worry me that I won't see most of my trees mature", he says. "It would worry me much more if I hadn't planted them."

But forestry is an expensive business. He estimates that he has spent between £10,000 and £20,000 a year on his trees for the past 29 years – not including the cost of drainage.

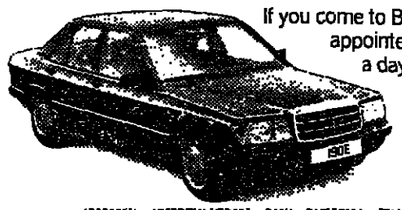
"In a sense, it is farming on a big scale with no return coming in at all. Looking at it as an investment, however, it's a marvellous thing to feel that you can get on with your writing without worrying about the future because it's growing."

He is worried however, about the "new breed" currently investing in forestry – the pension funds, trade unions and insurance companies. "They think of it as an actuality, they like everything in figures in front of them. But you can't do that with forestry. Anything you put down on paper is going to be disproved by the trees or the market."

Personally, his enjoyment is in growing the trees, creating a forest out of nothing. "I find that extremely satisfying. But I doubt whether what I've planted will ever replace what I've used up in terms of books. Trees to me are just a way of life."

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A ship to sail back in time

A full-sized replica of an ancient Greek merchant ship, built to retrace the last voyage of the original which was sunk by pirates off the coast of Cyprus some 2,200 years ago, has just completed sea trials. The ship will need modifications before attempting its historic journey.

"We have no doubt she can negotiate a long voyage in the Aegean and reach Cyprus, but before she sets out she must certainly undergo winter sea trials in rough weather of up to force eight winds", said Harry Tzallas, president of the Hellenic Institute for the Preservation of Nautical Tradition, which is sponsoring the project jointly with the American Institute of Nautical Archaeology.

The re-enactment of this ancient adventure was made possible by the discovery of the original ship in 1967 on the seabed off Kyrenia, in Northern Cyprus. She lay there after scuttling during an attack by pirates around 300 BC, the hull remarkably well preserved by fine muddy sand.

A team of experts led by Professor Michael Katzev salvaged the rare ship and cargo. Then, with the help of Professor J. Richard Steffy, an expert in ancient shipbuilding, its 5,000 fragments were painstakingly reassembled. Work began in 1982.

Professor Katzev said: "We followed the ancient method known as "shell-first". Unlike contemporary boat-builders, who bolt the keel and frames together to form a skeleton, the keel and the outside planks were joined first, and the frames added inside. No nails were used."

The original plan had been to load the replica, named the Kyrenia II, with the same kind of cargo carried by its prototype on its voyage to Cyprus – 400 amphoras of oil from Samos and wine from Rhodes, sacks of almonds, 30 iron blooms and 29 millstones from the island of Nisyros to use as ballast.

"We had difficulty in locating Greek potters who could imitate the jars found in the original wreck, but we discovered one in Cyprus", said Harry Tzallas. "The ship may, therefore, have to use ballast on the journey out, and take on the jars for the trip back."

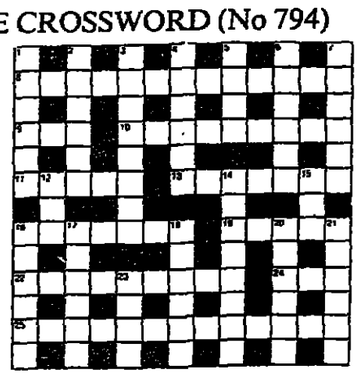
The Kyrenia II should set sail next spring. A Greek navy warship will escort her all the way to Cyprus to spare her the same fate as the original.

Mario Modiano



Ship-shape and Greek fashion: the Kyrenia II

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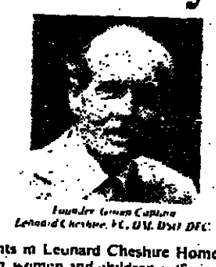


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BOOKS

Ideas man of Art and Crafts

Fiona MacCarthy on the exotic life of a romantic maker of Utopia in Chipping Campden

C. R. ASHBEE
Architect, Designer and Romantic Socialist
By Alan Crawford
Yale, £35

People have always tended to get C. R. Ashbee wrong. Nikolaus Pevsner for instance put him over as a pioneer of the Modern Movement, which he certainly was not. Stephen Bayley in the new *Conran Directory of Design* describes Ashbee as a "daffy intellectual" setting up the prototype for the Crafts Revival. Get out the dunce's hat for Stephen Bayley. It has taken all these years, and 499 pages, to achieve for C. R. Ashbee his correct assessment. Which is less that of practitioner of absolute first rank, for reasons Alan Crawford explains cogently; more that of galvanizer of action, an ideas man, one of the most arresting figures of his period.

Ashbee was of the next generation on from Morris. He was part of that alternative culture of hand-making at the time when Arts and Crafts Movement met ruralist revival; and in the central episode of his career, the founding of a Guild of Handicraft in Whitechapel and its transportation out to Chipping Campden in the Cotswolds, he was acting out so many of William Morris's dreams of Utopian communities and brotherhoods of craftsmen.

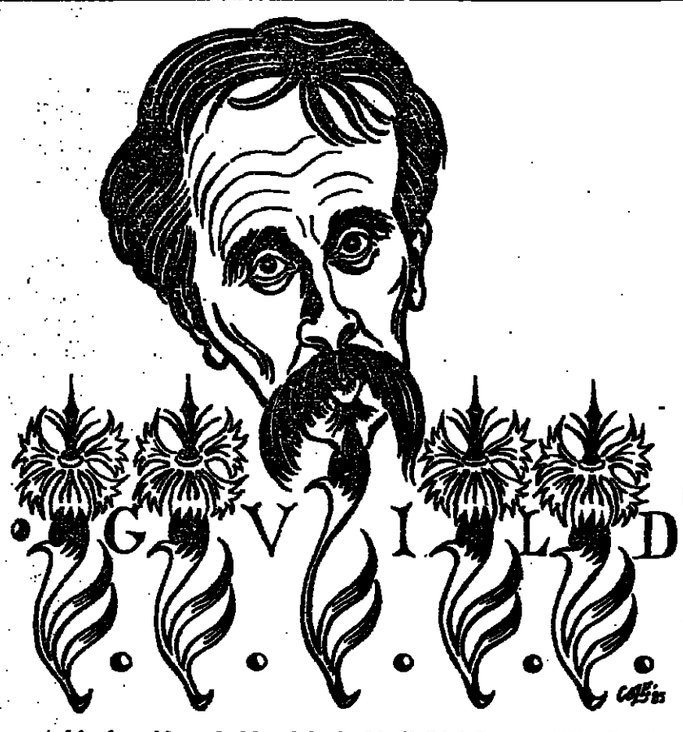
So far so hale and hearty, so masculine, so English. But what was curious and interesting about Ashbee, rightly defined by Alan Crawford in this book, was the strain of foreignness, exoticism, that differentiated him from the tweedier, more insular contemporary art workers. His German-Jewish mother. His City merchant father, who turned out to be a prize collector of pornography and, using the pseudonym Pisanus Fraxi, a renowned bibliographer of erotica. C. R. Ashbee's own homosexuality. All this, enflamed perhaps by too much reading of Walt Whitman, encouraged him to see himself as international roamer, and some of the most fascinating chapters show Ashbee at large. Ashbee in Chicago, Hamburg, Cairo, Jerusalem. Ashbee in turn-of-the-century Taormina. Ashbee in nationalistic Budapest.

In one of those well timed conjunctions of talents, Frank Lloyd Wright, in America in 1900, took C. R. Ashbee's photograph, and the resulting portrait, the tremendously compelling one which Alan Crawford used for his frontispiece, shows Ashbee staring out, egotistical and fervent, into the lens of his so-called brother architect, both acutely conscious of their role as men of destiny. In his ideas of inspirational building and his over-the-top concepts of the Oversoul, the *Zeitgeist*, it is pertinent to be reminded just how far from basic English Arts and Crafts he goes.

University settlements; early conservation; the new English drama; the folksong revival; progressive education; the smallholding moment; the birth of the city planning; whatever the idea of the moment you could almost guarantee that C. R. Ashbee had latched onto it. The Guild of Handicraft itself was an amalgam of memories of medieval craft guilds, the Ruskin inheritance with more outlandish homosexual freemasonry ideals derived from Edward Carpenter's convictions that the power of homogenic love, the bond of man to man, would eventually rouse the nation from its apathy. Ashbee's method of recruitment to the Guild was most original: the long slow handshake, the strong gaze into the eyes.

The first half of this book is the history of Ashbee's extraordinary life which, because of his ideas about fusing work and leisure, is also the story of the guild of Handicraft. These chapters are based mainly on the enormous Ashbee journals in King's Cambridge, C. R. Ashbee's college, which were written jointly by Ashbee himself, rather verbosely, and in more trenchant style by his wife Janet. For, yes, Ashbee married, and resulting ménage, a not unsuccessful one, productive of four daughters, is a very good example of an early open marriage. C. R. Ashbee in among the New Lifers yet again.

Those familiar with the 44 volumes of the Journals will admire Alan Crawford's clear-headedness and powers of selection whilst bemoaning some inevitable circumnavigations in dealing with material on this scale. Personally I was sad not to re-encounter Monty Norman, future Governor of the Bank of England, in his role as a Guild client, marvellously described by Janet as "a magician, a kind of Circe", the ultimate connoisseur prowling round his Palace, casting his eye over the bloom of his rich rugs, testing a vol-au-vent between his teeth for perfect crispness.



Ashbee's emblem of white pinks for his Guild & School of Handicraft

Amongst the outside sources I think it was a pity not to have included Philip Mairet, that intellectual mystery man, Orageian, Adlerian, once one of Ashbee's Guildsmen, whose *Autobiographical papers* contain so vivid an account of his experiences at Campden.

In part one, Alan Crawford writes well if at times a little slurpily. (Babies and apprentices tend to make him lachrymose). In part two, the blow-by-blow account of the Guild work, he tightens up.

The chapter on C. R. Ashbee's theories of design, containing an analysis of Ashbee's use of symbolism, pinks, ships, trees, suns, circles or spheres, winged youths, meaningful peacocks, is especially impressive in the level of its writing and its span of speculation. Ashbee and his workmen in the East End of London beat peacocks out on coal scuttles whilst in Dublin the young Yeats, in a room hung round with tapestry "full of the blue and bronze of peacocks", studies the transmutation of the world through alchemy.

High marks for metalwork and jewellery, the basis of Ashbee's current reputation. Middling marks for architecture, interiors and furniture. A question mark over the Essex House Press and the typography against which Stanley Morison inveighed, "The private press movement produced no more inglorious achievement than Mr Ashbee's Endeavour". Alan Crawford thank goodness is never so dogmatic. He leads into judgments patiently, collecting up the evidence. His choice of what to illustrate cannot, I think, be faulted; and the book has been designed with unusual intelligence. Plates appear on the pages which refer to them, a scheme of things which may sound too banal to merit accolades and bouquets, but which I assure you in a book like this is rare.

If one's final impression of the Guild work is uneven, some astonishingly soigné and sophisticated, some curiously clumsy, this was the way it was, the results of Ashbee's methods, his faith in collaboration in the workshops. If you go in for character building through the crafts the output of the workshops is bound to be erratic. If you choose to recruit comrades from behind a cat's meat barrow you are taking a gamble, artistically speaking.

This book can be accused of being narrow in its view. Its limits are perhaps implied by its omission of any discussion of the Omega, a different but still related style of art-craft workshop founded by Roger Fry, fellow romantic socialist, Ashbee's beloved at Cambridge. Leaving out the Omega it strikes me verges on the wilful. But as a dedicated feat of exhumation this book ranks in its scope and its importance with Thomas Howarth's rediscovery of Mackintosh back in the early fifties; and it establishes Alan Crawford as the best writer on the Arts and Crafts around.

Little art of ice-cold gems

CRIME

Marcel Berlins

THE NEW GIRL FRIEND
By Ruth Rendell
Hutchinson, £8.95

If the crime short story is an endangered species, Ruth Rendell is one of the few courageous environmentalists fighting for its survival. She presents irrefutable evidence that the genre deserves not merely to survive, but to flourish. Rendell takes her campaign seriously, eschewing the easy jokiness that often permeates the short crime format today. Every tale is carefully crafted and climaxed, her feel for lurking malevolence is as assured as ever, and a good number of the stories are chilling gems.

● **Seminar for Murder, by B. M. Gill** *(Hodder & Stoughton, £8.95).* Chief Inspector Maybridge lectures an eccentric assortment of incompatible crime writers about the boobs in their books, and is taunted into seeking the faults in the real killings that ensue. Appealing combination of literate tongue-in-cheekery and old-fashioned weekend house-party homicide. Any doubts that Gill couldn't sustain her high standards banished.

● **Murder in Advent, by David Williams** *(Macmillan, £7.50).* Exuberant, witty Cathedral caper, with arson and death the night before the chapter's decision on selling a million-pound copy of Magna Carta abroad. The suave Mark Treasure, merchant banker and sleuth, holds the crucial vote and the ability to unravel the unholy mayhem. The best Treasure for some time.

● **Fate Worse than Death, by Sheila Radley** *(Constable, £7.95).* Superior atmosphere and tension achieved by quiet accumulation rather than showy dramatic effects, and none the worse for the subtlety. A young girl disappears, a pushy young cop has designs on an inheritance, and quiet Suffolk life carries on, interrupted only by deaths brutal and simple.

● **Mrs Craggs: Crimes Cleared Up, by H. R. F. Keating** *(Buchan & Enright, £8.95).* A curious, delightful divertissement in which Keating's shrewd charlady heroine solves murder wherever she wields her mop. As her places of employment include the Houses of Parliament, Lord's, and even the Palace itself, there is much scope for gentle fun-poking at the Establishment.

● **The Boy from Nowhere, by Margaret Hinxman** *(Collins, £7.50).* Ace small-town hack falls off cliff, feared pushed. Friend hackette investigates, finds scandal and corruption behind the bland facades. Sharp Sussex sea-side gang, and a jolting, convincing, finale.

● **Kill Fee, by Barbara Paul** *(Collins, £7.50).* Good, though mercenary, Samaritan kills first, then sends a bill to the victims's enemies. Taut, well-paced, full of surprises and sparky New York dialogue.

The blooms beyond Bloomsbury

Ruth Stungo

VITA'S OTHER WORLD
A Gardening Biography
By Jane Brown
Viking, £14.95

It came as a shock, the discovery that this cherished idol, this giant among garden writers, whose books are still eagerly sought on the second-hand shelves, did not enjoy writing about her gardening. She regarded her regular column in *The Observer* as a boring chore, a waste of her Sunday mornings, something she undertook only to provide the money to realize further gardening dreams.

Much – too much perhaps – has already been written about both Vita Sackville West and Harold Nicolson. Jane Brown's book is not another straightforward biography as such, but rather is it a search for the source of a vision which found its final realization in the gardens of Sissinghurst Castle. The author holds her true purpose clearly in mind with great skill and tenacity, avoiding the temptation to tread the tantalizing by-ways, sifting out those events, sights, thoughts, and ideas in their two lives which later came together to produce that famous garden.

No mean wordsmith herself, Jane Brown has given us a book, hauntingly illustrated by contemporary photographs, from which shines forth a deep understanding of and sympathy for her subject. She shows us Vita rooted in her Sackville past and nurtured by the Wealden countryside that surrounded her, whose song she sang in her poetry. She explores the contribution of Harold Nicolson to the garden's success, in his tempering of Vita's romanticism with the strengthening classical framework essential to its genius. We see them both at work in the garden, he with his squared paper and lists, she responding to the news of war by planting tulips as an expression of her passionate belief in hope and renewal. We can understand, perhaps, the power which this garden they had created had to bind them together, in spite of the opposing forces of other lives and other loves.

I had not appreciated the inspirational quality of her garden writing with its courageous hope and dogged determination to go on and to start again as often as necessary. Nor had I realized how funny she could be.

She never received the recognition she yearned for as a poet, being, as Jane Brown suggests, so out of step with the mood of post-war nihilism expressed by her fellow poets. It is a curious paradox that someone who sought to deal in her poetry with the more permanent things of human experience should be most often remembered today as the maker of a garden, a thing of transient blooms.

A war we won in Vietnam

Cyril Jarvis

THE FIRST VIETNAM WAR
By Peter M. Dunn
Hurst, £17.50

If the British, as is said, forgot the campaign in Burma while it was still going on, hardly any of them have ever heard of those military operations in 1945-46 in what at the time was French Indo-China and is now Vietnam, a name which has reverberated through the headlines for a generation. General Gracey had raised and trained the 20th Indian Division and commanded it with great distinction in the campaign in Burma. A month after the Japanese had been defeated there, the Division was moved by air and sea to French Indo-China. General Gracey had received orders to disarm the Japanese, who had occupied the country; to maintain law and order until the return of the French; and to rescue and bring home allied prisoners of war. Within a fortnight his Division found themselves fighting alongside the Japanese against the Viet Minh, a nationalist group of militant extremists; the war continued for some five months.

The author defends Gracey's action in the extraordinarily complex situation in which he was placed, especially against American detractors who have attempted to show that their final defeat in South Vietnam was due to his out-of-date imperialist prejudices and to disobedience to the orders he had been given in 1945. Peter Dunn has made himself, by experience and meticulous research, exceptionally well qualified to provide a convincing defence of the General.

He is an all-rounder as well as a scholar, for he is a Colonel in the United States Air Force who fought in Vietnam and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross; he is now Professor of Aerospace Studies at the University of Missouri; his book is based on a thesis for which he worked at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London: and he is a Valiant-for-Truth in his exposure of falsehood and his assertion of historical accuracy.

But what good came of it at last? Well, when the time came for the last British/Indian battalion (9/12th Frontier Force Regiment) to leave Indo-China the Japanese along the route bowed in a final act of respect; General Gracey had earned the respect of the French, the Japanese, and the Vietnamese; he was also made a *Citoyen d'Honneur*, a unique honour in the 80 years of the municipal government of Saigon, and ended his military career as Commander-in-Chief of the army of the independent state of Pakistan. South Vietnam remained an independent state for another 30 years. This book should be read by all students of war.

Narcissus without the nymph

FICTION

Nicholas Shakespeare

THE CATHOLIC
By David Plante
Chatto & Windus, £8.95

GALAPAGOS
By Kurt Vonnegut
Cape, £9.50

LATER THE SAME DAY
By Grace Paley
Virago, £8.95

David Plante's latest in a line of novels on the life and loves of Daniel Francoeur – a homosexual variation on Erica Jong's Isadora Wing – should really be called *The Embarrassment*. Not only because this is a quality Daniel is palpitatingly aware of in himself (my, how he rabbits on about "the risk of embarrassing myself by pretensions so vast I was a fool to risk them." "Everything I created embarrassed me"). But because it is a feeling he also inspires in the reader. One thing's for sure. Catholicism has nothing to do with the banal bundle of complexities that is Daniel Francoeur.

The hallmark of Plante's novels is a remorseless self-obsession. "I thought about myself all the time", admits Daniel at the start of this one before treating us to a description of how he seduced his room-mate Charlie at college – laced with apt quotations from Walt Whitman – and then a man called Henry he picks up in a Boston bar.

The wordless seduction of Henry is at the cold heart of the novel. It goes on, with every tick recorded, for 21 pages.

The rest of the novel dwells on Henry's rejection of Daniel, Daniel's consequent belief he is in love with Henry, and his boring of his old friend Charlie – who has wisely married – with the whole saga. Peering periscopically up his own backside, it is hardly surprising all Daniel sees is darkness and confusion.

Plante writes simply, clearly and with commendable candour. He tells us what Daniel thinks as he thinks it – often irrespective of the quality of this thought – as if by describing something so minutely he will then understand it. It is all very well being painfully honest and truthful, but not about what is an intrinsically limp and uninteresting brand of narcissism. In *The Catholic*, Plants exposes himself like a flasher with not a lot under his mac.

Vonnegut's latest novel is a Darwinian pastiche in the tradition of Malamud's *God's Grace*. Turning the law of natural selection on its head, he shows the same elements which have made us evolve from the fishes can make us return to them, and chooses for his setting the island which so influenced Darwin.

Galapagos is a controlled and farcical satire – at least to begin with – told by a ghost a million years on who looks back to an era when the brain had become too big and untruthful to be practical. The ghost is Leon Trout, a former GI deserter who helped build a cruiseliner embarking from Ecuador on "the Nature Cruise of the Century". Unhappily, the Peruvian Airforce begins bombing Ecuador and thus precipitates the destruction of mankind. The only survivors and hope for the future are an ill-assorted bunch aboard this ship which beaches them among the blue-footed boobies on Galapagos.

Vonnegut delights in his usual time-juggling and wise-cracks – in postulating, for instance, how the whole of human destiny will be shaped by an insane soldier who breaks into a souvenir shop believing he is Frank Sinatra. His characters however are not particularly rounded. His structure is such that he can add to each at will so that by the end they resemble a series of hot-rod cars bristling with the author's fantasies and spinning hopelessly into each other. Nevertheless, tiresome, sloppy, and silly as *Galapagos* becomes, its central gimmick remains irresistibly provocative and entertaining.

Never far away in Grace Paley's third collection of stories is the dread of nuclear war, informed by immigrant memories of previous wars. Like campaigning leaflets, her stories warn of what is to come – "this planet...dropping away from us in poisonous disgust" – while celebrating with a few hot, human, truthful words what exactly we have.

Paley's province is downtown New York; her characters, opinionated left-wing ladies grown older in the 25 years since her first collection. Her dense, unmistakable prose needs concentration, but is worth it for the authentic, acrid, funny voice she gives to time passing, love passing, fear staying. Her book's most potent image is of a film being unravelled into the air so it is ruined. Paley's originality is to explore this sense that, once exposed to the outside world, what is felt most deeply somehow disappears; her strength is to combine it with a passionate affection for this world.

The real women behind romantic paint

John Russell Taylor

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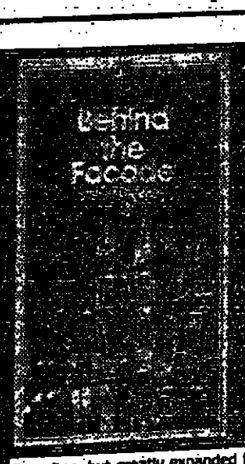
Inevitably we still see the women around the Pre-Raphaelites as just that: the PRB was, after all, explicitly a brotherhood, there is no doubting that its members had a natural mid-Victorian male-chauvinist conceit of themselves (though their habit of taking up and educating working-class girls to be their consorts does make one wonder what self-doubts lurked just beneath the surface), and in any case the literal image of the Pre-Raphaelite woman as she looks out on us from so many unforgettable paintings by Rossetti, Hunt, Millais and their followers is so powerfully present that how could we but see their women through their eyes? Whether all that is conscious enough to create "a century of masculine misrepresentation", as the jacket note of Jan Marsh's new book alleges, is another matter. But fortunately Dr Marsh herself has little truck with such drastic over-simplifications.

Her balance and good sense on the subject cannot have been easy to achieve. The Pre-Raphaelites seem almost to have designed their lives and art to illustrate feminism's severest charges against men and their stereotyping of woman. Each of the principal stereotypes is clearly represented: Elizabeth Siddall, obviously, was the sickly, pure madonna type; Fanny Cornforth the tart-with-a-heart-of-gold, with quite a bit of the big-bosomed Earth Mother about her too; and Janey Morris the ambiguous, heavy-lidded femme fatale.

But of course it was not so simple as that: real human beings seldom are. Dr Marsh does not manage to uncover unrecognized genius in any of her leading ladies, but she does demonstrate without much difficulty that they were a lot more complex and individual, and a lot more independently minded, than their usual position in Pre-Raphaelite studies might lead one to suppose.

The general picture that emerges is of a group of variously neurotic and incapable men, quite unable to establish any kind of superiority except educational (and that rapidly righted) over their womenfolk. And possibly one of talent, which, as Dr Marsh would be quite ready to admit, is more a matter of chance than of wilful masculine repression. In her search for the real women behind the images, she has come up with an amazing amount of new information, which will make her book required reading for all future historians of the movement.

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Hackney counsel

If Prince Charles intends to see that "victim of the media" Rod Hackney, may I suggest he first indulge in a spot of light reading in a back copy of the *Architects' Journal*, dated November 3, 1982. Under the title "How to use the media to publicise your work" is the headline "Rod Hackney: mastering self-publicity". The introduction reads: "Constant publicity has made Rod Hackney envied and even despised by some other members of the profession, but he is unrepentant and sees it as an essential and integral part of his work . . . This week he discusses how to handle the local press, moving on next week to the national press, TV and radio . . .". Even worse, the article is illustrated with a collage featuring the masthead of the *Manchester Evening News* – the paper which carried the "scoop" about Hackney's secret meeting with Prince Charles. I was sent the 1982 issue by "a (previously) envious and despising architect", who adds, "Now I am glad not to have taken his advice".

Future shock

Does the Speaker know something we do not? After two Tory backbenchers proposed the debate on the Queen's Speech yesterday, Bernard Weatherill, as tradition demands, called on the leader of the opposition. Or rather he didn't. By some bizarre slip he called upon "the prime minister". Kinnock rose to Labour cheers. "Mr Speaker, I have long admired your perspicacity", he began, "and never more so than now".

Slip of tongue

Not one to let anything slip except for a reason, why did senior Russian journalist Victor Louis put on a Jewish papa act the other day? Louis, often used to telling the West of the Kremlin's thinking on dissidents and Jewry, was being interviewed in his Moscow flat by the *Jewish Chronicle's* Joseph Finklestone when suddenly he exclaimed: "Meshane makom, meshane mazal" – Hebrew for "change of place means change of luck". Finklestone immediately asked if Louis was Jewish himself. "He just laughed, but there's no doubt about it," says Finklestone.

● **Surprise guest at Wednesday night's get-together of crime journalists and police at the Press Club? Cyprus secrets trial defendant David Hardman, who coolly exchanged words with Anthony Eames, the Special Branch man who investigated the case.**

Disarming

CND seems to have a comedian in its ranks. While most candidates for its vice-chair introduce themselves on the election papers as "I am a feminist; I am a socialist . . .", engineer Vic Allen offers a string of "commendations" from others: "'. . . committed CND member rather than working to further the interests of the Communist Party . . . certainly nothing I can recall seeing ever contradicted that assessment' – Cathy Massiter [ex-MI5 employee, who ratted to Channel 4]; 'Anti-Soviet' – *Morning Star*; 'Pro-Soviet' – *Daily Mail*; 'Very careful to maintain his objectivity in the East-West debate' – *Sanity*; 'Good speaker . . . beware of inviting to debate' – Coalition for Peace through Security; '. . . a steadying influence' – Peggy Duff. [the late veteran peace campaigner]."

Turner's turn

Former Labour GLC deputy John McDonnell has landed lucky. Dumped as Livingstone's number two, he is now to take up a £15,000 per year job as policy adviser to Camden Council leader Phil Turner. In other Labour boroughs the job would have had to be offered to a staff member of the GLC or of one of the metropolitan counties, but Camden has not followed this line. His appointment may still raise eyebrows: after all, McDonnell was sacked by the GLC leadership. They claimed he misled them over the council budget, an allegation he denied.

BARRY FANTONI



"Forget the long-term stay reduction: How much is it per night?"

Turnover

Further news on John Stonehouse, the disgraced Labour minister who, as I mentioned yesterday, now has a new career with the security firm Guestguard. Companies House says the firm – specializing in hotel safes – was registered this year on September 16 with Stonehouse and his wife and former secretary Sheila listed as the sole directors. They were both replaced by a new board, comprising Roger Sherwin, Michael Quick, Michael Shatif and Tony Hadfield . . . just three days later.

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Private gas, wonderfuel

by John Redwood

There are two ways of improving performance and motivation in public monopolies. One is to give them some competition. The other is to make them accountable to a new body of shareholders and bank managers, within a regulatory framework. Discussions over how to privatize the British Gas Corporation – inaugurated in earnest by yesterday's Queen's Speech – will involve a combination of these routes.

British Gas will not be breaking new ground. There is now a wealth of practical experience to draw on. We were told, for example that there would be dire consequences in opening coach services up to competition in 1980. Job losses, fare increases, cuts in quality were all prophesized.

In practice the opposite happened. The emergence of competition to National Bus's near-monopoly lowered fares, improved and extended services and created new jobs. While the train was still taking the strain, the coach took more of the passengers.

So what can we learn from these experiences for British Gas? The first message is that competition does work, and does not lead to worse service, lower standards or higher prices. The second is that in a large integrated monopoly like the old BT or the present British Gas, different parts of the business can be identified where competitive pressures can be brought to bear.

At British Gas there are four distinct businesses. Only one of them has strong inbuilt monopoly characteristics: the provision and maintenance of a national gas grid. The other three, the production of gas, the supply of gas equipment and the maintenance and installation of customer equipment either are, or can be, competitive.

British Gas already faces competition from many other North Sea producers at the well head. Out of the typical commercial price of 35p a therm more than two thirds, or 25p a therm, is accounted for by the purchase price of new contract gas from an oil or gas company.

The main debate will be about the import/export régime. If there is either complete freedom or strict control on import and export, British Gas would have to negotiate a fair price with competing North Sea suppliers without having limitless recourse to dearer imported gas. Either way a market price can be struck.

The supply of gas cookers, fires and heating systems already extends into the private sector. With the growth of gas as an attractive fuel and with the growing sophistication of gas appliances more private sector retailers and installers are likely to come forward. Fitters can be safely licensed, whether they are working for British Gas or for others. Similarly, the maintenance of appliances is not a natural monopoly but may need continuing safety and technical regulation.

This leaves us with the gas grid. It has already been turned into a common carrier – British Gas has to permit access by third parties on realistic terms. The question before the regulators – for regulation there will have to be – is how much pressure will eventually be exerted by users of the common carrier, or will regulation have to shoulder the burden alone?

The task of regulating a gas pipe system is not a new one: it has been done for years in North America. There are ways of controlling unit cost or return on capital which will ensure that the customer is not exploited.

The customer will benefit from any additional competition introduced into British Gas, and from its removal from Treasury accounting and the annual expenditure round. We now take for granted that telephone charges should fall in real terms year after year, and beef about any nominal increase, yet before privatization real increases were quite normal. Perhaps privatization of gas will usher in an era where real declines in gas prices become normal rather than unusual. If world energy prices remain level or fall in real terms, privatization would enable the full benefit of that to pass on to the customers.

Nor should we lose sight of that other important strand in privatization thinking: efficiency. Again we have some practical experience to turn to. BT's profits have gone up despite falling real prices.

At National Freight the improved morale of the new worker-shareholders has been vital in winning back lost orders and developing new business. A company which before saw job and money losses almost every year is now profitable, expanding and recruiting more men.

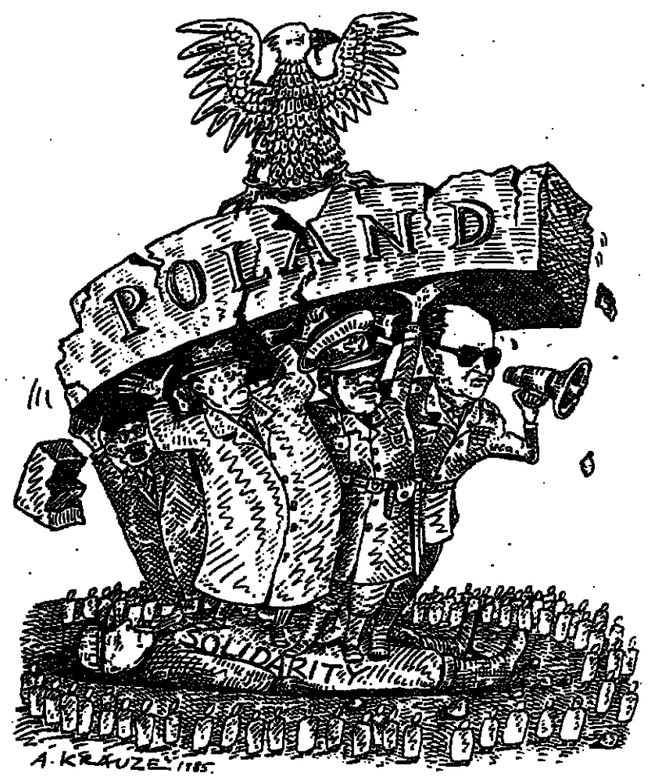
The same improvements can result if widespread employee ownership of shares is a prominent feature in the British Gas sale. While it does not make strikes impossible or necessarily unprofitable, as Jaguar shows, it begins to change attitudes. Even a few shares, an invitation to the AGM and a copy of the annual report is an important step on the road to true employee participation. And as shareholdings build up through additional purchases and save-as-you-earn schemes the individual's role as shareholder comes to be more important.

The debates about privatizing our near-monopoly public sector businesses are often conducted in a black-and-white way. The government is accused of passing on a public monopoly which will be worse, in its private guise. Yet the evidence so far suggests that the public monopolies are not so complete as many think, and that competition can be strengthened during privatization – which results in benefits for the customer. Even a regulated near-monopoly can deliver a better result on price than the old public monopoly/Treasure combination.

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As Jaruzelski consolidates his position, George Schöpflin assesses the balance of forces in Poland

How the general stays on top



Everybody loves to portray Poland as homogeneous. The Polish authorities, the church, Solidarity, and Poles generally prefer to think of a *unified society – but structured* according to the preferences of those concerned. This image of unity has been the one taken up in the West, in the form of a straightforward confrontation between Solidarity (goodies) and the military régime (baddies). The reality is far more complex than that.

Something like a fifth of the population is deeply committed to Solidarity, including much of the younger intelligentsia and, significantly, skilled workers. For the latter, the Solidarity experience was deep and lasting, and they are determined to press for democratization.

In the opposite corner are the supporters of the régime, its direct beneficiaries and their families, such as the employees of the various bureaucracies, the military and the forces of order. They too make up around one-fifth of the population. Since the 1980-81 watershed the composition of the élite has changed radically and at least half have changed. This means that large numbers of individuals owe their upward promotion to the present régime.

The remaining three-fifths of society is in a variety of ways neutral or passively tolerant of the system. In this category are those who automatically accept what the authorities do; those at or below the poverty line – about 30 per cent of the population – who rely heavily on the welfare system for survival; a large proportion of unskilled workers, for whom the Solidarity experience was not as influential as for skilled workers; pensioners and others trying to make ends meet on fixed incomes at a time of high inflation; and the natural authoritarians who exist in every society. These groups, a senior sociologist told me during a recent visit to Poland, would be content with a church-military-party coalition, requiring obedience and denying individual and group autonomy.

The existence of this passive support gives the régime more than enough of a social base to maintain the stability that has characterized Poland for the last two or three years.

The élite that now rules Poland is a very unusual group, especially in communist terms. The pivot of the ruling group is an informal alliance between military politicians and the heavy industry lobby. The industrialists should be regarded as one of the most successful groups in Polish politics. Their objective is to maintain and expand heavy industry, regardless of economic need or rationality.

The model of industrialization forced on Poland by the Communist Party after the war emphasized the "classical" heavy industries – coal, steel, heavy engineering and large-scale energy generation. This was financed by a massive squeeze on consumption.

In the 1970s, under Edward Gierek, the party leader brought down by the Solidarity crisis, Poland experienced a second heavy industrialization. This again had old-fashioned targets at the centre of its strategy, symbolized by the building of a new steel mill at Katowice. This time, finance came in the form of enormous western credits.

The irony of this second heavy industrialization is that economists and even workers are well aware that Polish prices are way above world prices. But for the heavy-industry lobby, considerations of cost or economic rationality or suggestions that, in terms of a world market, heavy industrial output is quite superfluous, fall on deaf ears. They make their assessments by political criteria. The more money invested in heavy industry, the more powerful they will be. Despite public declarations to the contrary, the military-political leadership has neither the will nor the ability to take counter-action.

The Polish leadership is, at the same time, in competition with the Communist Party, which was largely shouldered to one side when General Jaruzelski took over in December 1981. The party regards the present ruling group as unacceptable in Marxist-Leninist terms and is looking for ways to recover the power that it lost after its defeat in 1980-81. It has lost authority and is still losing members, but although weak, it cannot be ignored by the present leadership as a potential competitor for power. This implies that the party remains an indirect threat to the military politicians. The rivalry between the leadership and the party means that the former needs the support of the heavy-industry lobby.

The implication is that Poland may well undergo a third heavy industrialization. The finance will not be as easy to raise as before, but Poland has again become a more or less acceptable risk in the western money markets and the first new credit since the 1980 debacle, a $40 million loan from Austria, was arranged in September.

The alliance which the leadership has struck with heavy industry does not appear to be against its own inclinations. The present rulers of Poland have one overriding aim: to stay in power. There is no pretence at professing anything resembling a Marxist-Leninist ideology.

The leadership does seem to have a goal to create the kind of conditions which the Hungarians have achieved. The relative success of the Hungerian system depends on a flourishing agriculture and a consumer and service sector fuelled by private enterprise. But there is no sign in Poland that these moves are contemplated, not least because they would cut into the power of the heavy industry lobby.

The existing constellation of political and economic interests has produced a stability of sorts. No one in power really wants to rock the boat. And a Hungarian-style economic reform must include some dynamism, and change. One of the minor ironies of the Polish situation is that the existing private sector, which enjoys a highly privileged monopoly position, wants no change. The zloty billionaires (£1 is equivalent to about 420 zloties on the black market) are happy with a system that allows them to make large sums with little effort and at virtually no risk. Risk-avoidance is a central aspect of the ruling ethos.

The Church too has its position in the present set-up. Here again the picture is more confused than first appears. In many ways, the Church and the régime are opponents and the strong attacks by the régime against priests who give shelter to Solidarity are real. On the other hand, the régime accepts that the Church does have an offstage political role: to enhance stability. The Church has very largely taken over a whole range of activities – social, educational, cultural – which would normally be provided by the state.

The Church has found that it is not seriously hindered in what it regards as its true mission – the recatholicization of Poland. For the majority of the population, official values are meaningless and religious values are authentic. A religious rebirth has taken place since Solidarity. It has halted and even reversed the slow process of secularization that Poland (that most Catholic of countries) had been experiencing. The teaching of religion has been modernized. The Church has drawn to itself some of the most talented intellectuals and generally offers an attractive alternative to the state. Because this serves to stabilize the situation, the authorities accept it.

In terms of stabilization, the Jaruzelski régime must be regarded as modestly successful. There are, however, two big question-marks over this success. It is doubtful if the present stability is strong enough to be the basis for any major political or economic initiatives, which would require the active support of a majority.

And further, there seems to be a remarkable tunnel vision among Poles about Soviet intentions. Any suggestion that Mikhail Gorbachov may, at some stage, try to reinvigorate the party and to reimpose ideological orthodoxy on a system that is a long way from Marxism – Leninism seems to be dismissed as inconceivable.

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Blunders that garbled Ptarmigan's message

France's winning of the contract to supply the US army with a new battlefield communications system is a severe, though not unexpected, blow for Britain. The manner of the losing, however, that compounds the misery and makes both Britain and Margaret Thatcher look foolish.

It had been publicly understood for many months that the long-term value of the contract was likely to be about $4 billion, nearly £3 billion at today's exchange rates. Yet the bid by the American Rockwell Corporation and Plessey for the British Ptarmigan system emerges as having been $7.4 billion, 70 per cent higher than the bid for the French Rita system which has been selected.

It has been suggested that the Americans preferred price to quality, and well they might if the price difference was $3 billion. It is not even clear that the British system had quality on its side: James Ambrose, the US army under-secretary, said that though there were pluses and minuses in both systems, there was little to choose between them in overall performance.

A number of aspects of the Ptarmigan bid are perturbing, and one of them relates to the circumstances in which the Prime Minister interceded with President Reagan to try to secure the contact for Britain.

It is commonly, and correctly, said that these very large, intensely fought contests are in the end determined by political rather than purely commercial factors. But that is true only when competing bids are reasonably close. It is not easy to think of political factors which could outweigh a $3 billion price differential. The most the Prime Minister could have hoped to achieve was an opportunity for Rockwell and Plessey to revise their bid, but this seems to have yielded little result.

The Americans seem to have displayed great courtesy to the Prime Minister in delaying their decision for at least two months and reviewing the bids following her intervention. They would have been justified in declaring no contest months ago.

One has to assume that they accurately assessed the technical abilities of the two systems to meet their requirements, and on this basis the Ptarmigan bid seems to have been remarkably ill-judged.

The price differential suggests that Rockwell and/or Plessey were totally out of touch with the market. There have been persistent rumours that a considerably lower portion of the work for Ptarmigan would originally have been done in the US, making it less attractive to the Americans.

It is not clear to what extent the price differential arises from the fact that one is intrinsically cheaper than the other, or how much it is a result of the French finding a simpler way of applying their system to meet American needs. There is, however, evidence that Rockwell and Plessey put forward a considerably more elaborate scheme than did the French, and this again looks to have been an error of judgement.

It is not clear where the blame for this fiasco lies. Both consortia were led by American companies - Rockwell for Ptarmigan, and GTE for Rita - and it must be assumed that they had the primary responsibility for judging the market and keeping track of how the competition was going. If so, Rockwell has not proved to be a good partner for Britain.

Rockwell appears to have been responsible for designing the system offered to the US army, though Plessey was the company with an intimate knowledge of Ptarmigan. Plessey, with its worldwide operations, should also have had the experience to detect whether things were going wrong at the US end.

The Defence Sales Organization of the Ministry of Defence will also have monitored the progress of the competition, yet all the evidence is that the British government was taken by surprise in August when it belatedly came clear that the contract was slipping away.

Britain has in recent years been exceptionally successful in selling defence equipment to the US, but the failure with Ptarmigan is a serious setback. It is particularly important at a time when British companies are being urged to seek work in the American Star Wars research programme – and to do so through collaboration with American companies.

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Workout session for Thatcher

When the next general election comes, no voters under the age of 27 will have any adult recollection of what a Labour government is like. Older voters will have the memory softened by time and by the natural urge for a change.

Labour now has a personable leader and a shadow cabinet bent on persuading the nation that the party is once again a traditional alternative to Tory government, willing to act within a national consensus.

During the parliamentary session opened by the Queen yesterday, Neil Kinnock has to differentiate Labour convincingly from the Tories on specific areas where there is discontent with the government: unemployment, economic growth and the protection of desired public spending are the most obvious. But he also has to reassure the public about activists within the Labour Party, whose own social and political aims are in stark opposition to what the public wants, and who are far more widespread and influential than those formally described as Militant.

Margaret Thatcher will not have much difficulty in persuading the public of the extent to which a Labour government would be harried by its own acitivists – they do the work for her. But she will have more difficulty in persuading the public that on matters of economic policy, Labour's recipe of high public spending would bring only inflationary disaster.

In this matter, Kinnock will be helped by the opinion-formers whose own views were forged in the intellectual fires of the Sixties. For years they have nursed their rage against Mrs Thatcher. They expected her anti-inflationary policies and efforts to democratize the unions to fail, and they did not. They expected her to lose the 1983 election and she won.

Now, however, they think the tide has turned in their favour as unemployment has replaced inflation as the main perceived enemy, and yet the government still refuses to spend more money in the name of job-creation. Not only do these critics regard such rigid adherence to monetarist ideas as folly; they think that the government itself is showing signs of recognizing this since it has ceased to regard genuflexion in front of the M3 money supply indicator as a necessary sign of rectitude.

There is, of course, a certain illogicality in much of the criticism. In almost the same breath, the critics will condemn the government both for monetarist inflexibility and for paving the way towards a pre-election boom by abandoning M3 and preparing to let government spending rise more than intended.

The truth is, of course, that there are no absolutes in politics. The need for disciplined financing and an anti-inflation strategy, using the best available means, remains overriding. But no political principle can be pushed to the point at which it ceases to command consent. If Mrs Thatcher were to do that the government would destroy not only its prospects of re-election but the survival of the most radical reform of the social and economic structure since 1945.

This autumn, for instance, it has found it impossible for political reasons to reduce departmental spending as it would wish. But at a time when the government is forced by inflation and international factors to maintain high interest rates, it would plainly make no sense to deal with the spending problem by borrowing more.

It is lucky in having a solution to hand in the sale of assets such as gas. The overriding justification for privatization is the efficiency it should bring, but is is a happy coincidence that it also offers the government a respite in which to avoid more borrowing and put public spending commitments into a much more rational shape.

The government has a difficult tightrope to walk. It must not be so dogmatic as to suggest that it has unsocial instincts towards essential services. But it must also not seem to retreat from its economic policies in a way that may lend credibility to those of Labour. It seems to be in some danger of doing this as a result of recent ministerial exhortations to industrialists to make lower wage settlements in the name of employment.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Nigel Lawson, may be clear in his own mind that this appeal is directed primarily at low-paid work where disproportionate pay deprives the young and disadvantaged of work opportunities. But the argument too easily sounds like a forerunner of the kind of "agreed" wage restraint policies now adopted by the opposition.

If the government does not trip itself up by political blunders, the next election is likely to be determined primarily by public perception of each party's general ethos, and here the government is likely to score decisively. On most questions of social policy, from crime and the law, to education, immigration policy and defence, the public is unlikely to go with Labour's prevailing wind.

It is suspicious of the anti-police rhetoric which comes so fluently from the left. If it is tempted to listen to Labour's claim that the government should have done better over crime, it is contemptuous of the Labour argument that only by changing social conditions can a government do much to deter it.

The public is suspicious of Labour's defence policy; it knows that Labour would never have given union members the power of election in their unions that they have received from Mrs Thatcher; it approves of privatization and the sale of council houses; it detests the extremism now so prevalent in the Labour Party. The public will also understand the difficulties Kinnock would have, were he prime minister, in trying to lead the party behind him.

It is difficult to believe that the electorate would turn from the Tories to Labour. In this session of Parliament, however, now that Labour has a much more personable and calculating leader, and now that the government has to fight on issues much less clear-cut than when it last began to prepare for an appeal to the people, Mrs Thatcher will have to strive much harder for popular support.

***moreover* . . . Miles Kington**

Strong-arm tactics to cultivate

Roy Strong's new get-tough "voluntary" admission charges are only the tip of the iceberg. There is a new breed of ruthless, hard-eyed heritage muscle-men who are out to change the face of conservation as we know it, and there is a brand-new magazine out this week catering specially for them: *Macho Museum Man!*

In the first issue there is an exclusive feature on the so-called Mercouri Marble Men, a top secret squad of Greek museum workers whose mission is to enter the British Museum at dead of night and spirit away the Elgin Marbles. Highly trained and super-fit, they are experts at rope-handling, stone-cutting and temple-dating. Already they have done several test runs at Dulwich Art Gallery and more recently at a Monet gallery in Paris: the final attempt on the British Museum cannot be far away.

We follow them in a typical day's training as they sprint up to the Parthenon and down again, do an hour's weight-lifting, two hours classical studies and then an hour trying to hail a taxi in Athens. They reckon that if they can get a taxi in Athens, they can do it anywhere!

In another feature we take a look at the new V & A collection system, and ask the question: Is it right to go from door to door, asking for "voluntary" contributions to Britain's top museum? Should the collectors really be slim men in soft moustaches and big spectacles, and claiming to be Roy Strong in person? And is it really right for them all to be trained in unarmed combat, so that they can beat up recalcitrant donors without leaving a mark?

There's a thrilling adventure serial too, called "The Motor Factory That Refused To Die". Jeff runs a small works in lovely Georgian Bath, making vintage restyled MG cars. One day, he is visited by a museum deputation who propose turning his motor factory into a carefully preserved motor museum. Bravely he refuses, and the museum people turn nasty.

"We've turned the rest of Bath into a living museum," they snarl, "and any guy who gets in our way is in for a few unpleasant surprises".

That night Jeff's works is plastered in graffiti such as "ADMISSION CHARGES RULE, ALL RIGHT?" and "INTO A POST-INDUSTRIAL FUTURE WITH BRITISH MUSEUMS", and the next morning a young man with slim moustache and big specs tries to charge him £2 to get into his own place. Will Jeff be able to withstand the immense pressure? Don't miss our big serial!

There's humour, too. Here's an example:

Q. Can you give me a good example of carbon dating?

A. Yes. Roy Strong asking himself out for the evening!

Not too funny? All right, here's another. Lord Gowrie resigns as Arts Minister, where he has spent years refusing money to people, and goes to work as chairman of Sotheby's. On his first day at work he's in the auction rooms, and he hears an American making a bid of a-million pounds. Without thinking, Gowrie rushes forward and shouts:

"Absolutely out of the question! Far too much! £200,000 and not a penny more!"

Pretty snappy, eh? Well, there's much, much more in *Macho Museum Man*, including a great new competition in which the winner will get a fortnight's adventure holiday, stealing art from Italian churches. There's a survey of little-known side-doors and back entrances to well-known museums, through which you can get in free, while the rest of the suckers have to pay at the front. And we tell you how to pray and give thanks to the Lord, so that you can get into cathedrals free without having to pay a voluntary contribution.

Other thrilling features:

"Neil Cossons – Should he be Bought by the Nation?"

"I shook hands with Roy Strong – and Found I'd Donated my Hand to the V & A".

"Museums Knock-out Contest, Semi-Final Preview: Friends of York Minster v. Lord Montagu's Motor Men, and Science Museum Maniacs v. National Rail Museum Provisional Wing".

"I spent a Night in the Great Bed of Ware".

All this, and more, in the first issue of *Macho Museum Man*. It's available at all good bookstalls, and it's absolutely free! However, we suggest that you pay a voluntary price of at least £5. Or else.

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TIMES PAST
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A SAFE SPEECH

Politicians are taught from their prams to be all things to all men. So a Queen's Speech which is "pure Thatcherism" to Labour's Mr John Smith, "mere tinkering" to Mr David Steel and "steady Tory reform" to Mr Douglas Hurd should perhaps be counted by a Prime Minister as a success: except that this Prime Minister was once thought to be different.

It is a safe speech. Mr Hurd is not only its main beneficiary – with Parliamentary time found for his new public order laws, tougher treatment for drug traffickers, liberalised Sunday trading and tighter rules for experiments on animals – but its spiritual begetter too. Those Government supporters who want decontrol of private rents, compulsory competitive tendering for local authority services, abolition of SERPS and wages councils and much else to free the economy besides, have been disappointed.

Some of those on the Tory right, however, will see comfort in one aspect of the Speech, the words that "firm control of public expenditure will be maintained with a view to diminishing its share of overall national output and facilitating further reductions in the burden of economic tax". The words sound very fine. For those who see tax cuts as the be-all and end-all they are very encouraging. Unfortunately firm control of public expenditure has not been maintained. The Star Chamber negotiations this year have been far from a Treasury triumph. The estimate of public asset sales – conveniently and bogusly counted as negative public expenditure – has been virtually doubled from about two and a quarter billion pounds to more than four billion pounds, which will help compensate for those failures.

From these facts it is easy to jump to the assertion – made by, amongst others, the 13 MPs who last week published their pamphlet *No Turning Back* – that asset sales can be justified "to finance tax cuts in the short term which increased economic activity will sustain in the long term". This is a dangerous road for Government supporters to take and one which only their enemies and over-enthusiastic friends would urge upon them.

The latest tranche of asset sales, like those that have preceded it and those that will follow, is a good thing in its own right. It will increase the efficiency of the industries concerned and encourage wider share ownership, as the Queen's Speech put it. Income tax cuts are also good things in their own right. To link them is to muddy the political argument, imperil their political appeal and to lessen the chances of their actually happening.

The Labour Party is already accusing the Government of selling the furniture to pay the rent man. The vision that they would like to put before the British people is of future generations, deprived of their heritage, struggling to pay their bills. Of course they do not say that the extra borrowing, which is Labour's answer, would be the real burden on future generations, moreover a burden that does not have asset sales compensating advantages of contracting the public sector.

Labour then asks: well what will the Government do next year? The answer is again that to sell more assets is in most cases preferable to borrowing more money. It is significant that the Government's programme of asset sales will be taking place against a background in which public borrowing declines as a proportion of national output.

The Government has nothing to fear from this line of opposition attack unless it hangs itself on the hook that asset sales and tax cuts are inextricably linked. The Energy Secretary may, for example, run into trouble with his Gas Bill; the Chancellor may want to cut taxes nonetheless and if conditions are right he should do so.

In the last session the Government presented its programme badly. It dug pits for itself and strewed the banana skins in strategic places for ministers to fall in. The pits are still there, not least the pit marked "fear of freeing the economy from state chains". At the moment the public's fears over law and order are holding up the Government's popularity: but such fears make fickle friends. Mrs Thatcher should keep her message simple. The return of the public sector to true ownership by the public is at the heart of this Queen's Speech. It may not be a large enough heart but it is in the right place.

WHY WAS RITA SO CHEAP?

Britain's wonderful new battlefield telecommunications system has got a wrong number on its first transatlantic call. That in itself might be shrugged off. But the Plessey group which makes it would seem to have got the digits terribly wrong – then asked the Prime Minister to dial them. And that requires some careful explanation.

Plessey's bid to win the lucrative US Army contract with its Ptarmigan network, began with a natural advantage. Both countries were associated, together with Australia and Canada, in an initial research project in the 1960s. The fact that Britain, alone of the four, successfully carried through its programme to fruition should have given us a hot line to the Pentagon.

And so, it seemed, it had – until last summer when it became clear that the independent French system Rita was not only providing serious competition but was even thought likely to win. Older than Ptarmigan by two years, it was held to be less comprehensive as a system – but cheaper, perhaps by around 20 per cent, which was a factor likely to secure support in Congress. It was against that scenario that Plessey, suddenly alarmed, seem to have enlisted the help of the Prime Minister. Mrs Thatcher wrote her now famous letter to President Reagan at the end of August, pleading Britain's political claim on the business.

It has seemed for some time that the Government's attempt to win preferential treatment by the White House as a result of British support for the president's Strategic Defence Initiative, was unlikely to work. What emerged clearly only yesterday however was the reason why. The difference in cost between the British and French tenders was not a mere 20 but 70 per cent – a gap of $3 billion which no administration could ignore.

On reflection the only surprising thing about the American decision is that they waited so long to announce it. In fact the Pentagon, not unwilling to do business with this country, apparently ran both programmes through their computers several times in the hope that Ptarmigan might become the cheaper option over a 20-year life cycle. It never did.

There are two aspects to the outcome of the Ptarmigan affair. One is the simple loss of revenue, especially with other allies like Australia, Canada and one of these days, perhaps, West Germany, preparing to make a similar purchase. Rita has already been sold to the Belgians and now this large contract, the biggest to be awarded by the Americans to an outside contractor, must make it the front-runner in the world.

The other is the embarrassment it has caused for the Prime Minister. Politics frequently play a big part in arms deals. In the 1970s Britain was on the receiving end when the US army bought (and later cancelled) the inferior Franco-German Roland anti-aircraft missile because of political pressure from Bonn, instead of the British Rapier. But Mrs Thatcher was badly advised by Whitehall or Plessey or both, to get involved in this one.

What is perhaps most surprising is that many at Plessey have been themselves taken aback by the gap in price between the systems. Although a few are muttering about heavy French government subsidies for promoting Rita, not even these can – on their own admission – explain the differential. On the face of it Plessey costing needs examining. And so does the intelligence department of its American partner Rockwell.

The Commons would seem justified in demanding a Government explanation of the affair and of Mrs Thatcher's involvement. In the longer term it might be appropriate for its own Select Committee on Defence to investigate what happened. Not for the first time Britain has apparently designed an elaborate, over-priced product which has been outsold by a cheaper and efficient French alternative. It is in the national interest that we should find out why.

CAMPUS CUTS

The universities are among the few objects of public expenditure on which the Government has actually succeeded in enforcing real cuts. The choice of target strikes many people as detracting from the achievement, since it implies a relatively low valuation of the public function universities perform. Not at all, says the minister, it simply reflects the fact that there was plenty of room for economy in university administration by the more efficient use of resources without spoiling the overall product.

The truth of that contention is as difficult to prove as it is to disprove. The Jarratt report on efficiency studies in universities advocated the injection of the methods taught in business schools in preference to the time-honoured practices satirically codified in F. M. Cornford's *Microcosmographia Academica*, out of print but never out of fashion so long as senior common rooms, senates, or faculty boards are permitted to exist. But Jarratt did not uncover large tracts of slack or spendthrift administration of a kind to yield up instant savings to an efficiency audit.

Parliament's own efficiency auditor, the Comptroller and Auditor General, has now turned in a report on the most notable aspect of the 1981-84 squeeze on university funding, the shedding of academic staff. It shows that the financial targets and staff reductions were duly met. It also shows that the exercise, in addition to incurring a cost of £238 million in redundancy payments and superannuation contributions, markedly worsened the universities' opportunity to manage their affairs efficiently. It was apparent at an early stage to the University Grants Committee as well as to the institutions concerned that the pace of contraction, if it were to match the cuts in recurrent grant that had been handed down, would result in damage, disruption and diseconomy in the use of resources. They pleaded for a couple of extra years in which to achieve the contraction by natural wastage. The department refused, sticking to its timetable even at the cost of creating a special redundancy fund in order to overcome the near irremovability of academic staff enjoying security of tenure.

The terms were pretty good and voluntary redundancies actually overshot the mark. Dons with the more readily marketable skills showed a disproportionate interest in moving out. Universities were left short on the engineering, mathematics and computer sciences side, while still fairly well provided for arts and social sciences. The Department of Education soon found itself agreeing to fresh expenditure for the creation of "new blood" posts to make up for the losses in some subjects and to improve the age profile of teaching staff.

Looking back a year ago the UGC found that the pressures set up by the rapidity of the cuts had left problems that could affect the intellectual vitality of the universities and the effectiveness of their teaching and research into the 1990s. The Auditor General does not dissent from that. He criticizes the education department for not prodding the UGC and the UGC for not intervening in the decisions of particular universities when they saw the way things were going. He also delicately floats a more interventionist role for the UGC in the future, which would be in harmony with the Government's general views on institutional autonomy in the context of public funding.

Plight of jobless

From the Dean of St Paul's and others

Sir, Liverpool Church leaders (November 4) have drawn attention to "discouraged workers".

Last month, during a conference convened in Sheffield by the Bishop of Sheffield and the Dean of St Paul's in collaboration with the Christian Unemployed Group, we were shocked to learn of a number of features in the administration of supplementary benefit. In our opinion, these further degrade the life of unemployed people.

One glaring example concerns the arbitrary interpretation of DHSS regulations by local offices in such a way that unemployed people are restricted in the amount of voluntary service they may do because it is considered by the local office that they are not devoting enough time and energy to looking for work. This places unemployed people in a vulnerable position from which they have no appeal. They are victims of arbitrary administrative action.

This must be soul-destroying to those who feel that to be of use to the community is vital to their self-respect. The reason that more than eight hours will prejudice their search for a paid job holds little water as in South Yorkshire there are few to be had.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN WEBSTER, JOHN FORD,
DAVID SHEFFIELD, ANNE HOLT,
MICHAEL CHARLES, FRANK JONES,
CHRISTOPHER GRAVES, MARK SMITH,
The Deanery, 9 Amen Court, EC4.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wary look at the Channel link

From Professor N. C. Phillips

Sir, Your lyrical leader of November 1 steers clear (forgive the expression) of some quite important problems in the Channel fixed-link proposal – its environmental effects and its vulnerability to terrorism, to cite only two.

Even more conspicuously, your "Channel dream" is undisturbed by doubts about the fashionable assumption that the actual need for the link is self-evident except to the fuddy-duddy few.

But come to think of it, how much time, trouble and money will the bridge/tunnel save the foot passenger, the motorist or the heavy-vehicle driver relative both to the duration of his journey and the service of even the existing unimproved ferries? While, like the erection of the Pyramids, it will generate temporary jobs, what will the long-term, post-election impact on employment really be? Are there no better or cheaper ways (such as joining the European Monetary System) of exhibiting our European credentials or (such as enhanced competitiveness) our economic machismo?

The fact is that debate has been diverted from the primary question why to the secondary how and by whom, from the strenuous exertion of weighing gains and losses to the enthralling game of picking winners. (Even objectors think some schemes more foolish than others.)

"Back to basics" would, in fact, be no bad slogan for consulting the public before this great matter is irrevocably remitted to the financiers and engineers.

"... an heroic project" you say, atop the howdah of a white elephant? This can only be the heroism of a Don Quixote or a Lord Raglan.

Yours faithfully,
N. C. PHILLIPS,
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Hackington Road,
Tyler Hill,
Canterbury, Kent.
November 1.

Real issues in television advertising

From Sir Brian Young

Sir, Your poll findings today (Spectrum, November 5) might be thought to give comfort to independent television, for they suggest that the public finds the output of ITV and Channel 4, financed by advertising, as good in its range and quality as the output of BBC1 and BBC2. So, naturally, the public would like to stop paying a licence fee for the BBC, in the belief that it would then get simply twice what it now gets from the IBA.

Those who have lived abroad usually think that the present output of each side is of a better standard than what is seen on any pair of channels elsewhere. And it is this which would be seriously threatened by any proposal to introduce competition for advertising revenue.

Perhaps you, or the Peacock committee, would undertake one further piece of research. Take, as your indicator of range and enrichment of experience, topics that are covered better by *The Times* than by *The Star* (including news and current affairs, the arts, serious drama, social questions, and so on); take, as your measurement of quality, the awards for excellence given over the years by international juries: and see whether, by this yardstick, any other television financed solely by advertising scores one quarter as well as ITV and Channel 4.

The reason for this range and excellence is not some innate virtue in the IBA and the ITV companies: it is a system that, by avoiding competition for advertising revenue, makes these things possible. Any option from the Peacock committee which brings in such competition would do viewers a terrible disservice, whether they now know it or not.

Yours,
BRIAN YOUNG,
The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music,
14 Bedford Square,
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November 5.

From the Chairman of LWT

Sir, David Hewson's report on the MORI poll, the conclusion of which is that the public would be happy to see advertising on the BBC, does as little justice to the arguments to be considered by the Peacock committee as did your tendentious leader on November 2. The answer to your poll's simplistic question was predictable: as predictable as if you had asked whether rates should be abolished or *The Times* given away free.

The real argument is not about advertising as a means of financing high quality broadcasting - that has already been resolved. It is about the amount of advertising available to support the BBC in addition to the 16 ITV companies; Channel 4 and ILR (independent local radio).

If demand for television advertising is insufficiently elastic, the resulting squeeze on both ITV and BBC would severely damage minority programming. Channel 4 and the smaller ITV and ILR companies. It would produce a totally different broadcasting environment, closer to the American pattern, where a proliferation of channels produces less rather than more choice, and where the pursuit of ratings inhibits risk-taking and variety, especially at peak time.

The Peacock committee's own research highlights some of these problems. They will not be satisfactorily resolved by over-simplification, or by suggesting that broadcasters are only motivated by a desire to protect their monopoly.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER BLAND,
Chairman,
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South Bank Television Centre,
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Upper Ground, SE1.
November 5.

From Mr Melvyn Bragg

Sir, One way and another you have made much of the lightly researched evidence which "proved" that some people, even most people, watch television casually. You have used it to degrade television as a medium and to imply that such an indifferently appreciated communicator is not really worth the licence candle.

But surely some, even most, readers just as lightly read their newspapers. Several activities – some of them quite reprehensible – accompany much fitful glancing at the day's press. And not only the tabloids. I have even seen *The Times*, and in venerable places, lightly glanced at and fitfully thrown away.

Yet there are those who read newspapers thoroughly. As there are those – evidence is quite clear and I can produce it – who watch television programmes thoroughly. Not "thirty minutes of Shakespeare" as your recent leader derisively suggested, but all of all Shakespeare's plays. Not solely the adaptation of a novel (which Paul Fox never suggested) but the one leading to the other – as Lamb's Tales still do for children, as abridged classics have done to thousands of adolescents leading to unabridged adult reading.

Television is simply another medium. It has disadvantages, one of which, compared to the great variety of print, is that everything from *EastEnders* to Sir Stephen Spender, from *Game for a Laugh* to Olivier Messiaen, comes from the same screen. But only the undiscerning or the prejudiced think for a moment that it is all of the same quality or value.

Yours faithfully,
MELVYN BRAGG.
As from: 12 Hampstead Hill Gardens, NW3.
November 5.

Grenada growing up

From Lord Gifford, QC

Sir, Your assertion (leading article, October 29) that the American military intervention in Grenada "made possible the eventual bringing to trial of 19 members of the Revolutionary Military Council who were collectively responsible for the murder of Prime Minister Maurice Bishop seriously prejudges the very issue which is still due to be tried by a Grenadian jury.

I have read all the evidence which was presented to the preliminary inquiry into the murder charge. Two witnesses claimed to have seen the murders; but their evidence appears contradictory, each naming different accused as being present at the scene. Some of the accused are alleged to have made confessions: but they have since claimed that these were extracted by the brutal treatment inflicted by their interrogators.

The 19 accused include 10 members of the Central Committee of the New Jewel Movement (only a few of whom were members of the Revolutionary Military Council). Against most of these the case presented in the depositions is so weak that the decision to commit them for trial is highly questionable.

I was asked to be part of the defence team, and would have been pleased to accept, except that I was refused admittance to the Grenada Bar. I do not claim to know the full truth of the events of October 19, 1983. But I do know that strenuous efforts are being made by those who control Grenada to condemn the accused before they are tried.

That condemnation now appears in your columns. It adds to my growing fear that the forthcoming trial will be an organised ritual rather than a fair legal process.

Yours faithfully,
GIFFORD,
35 Wellington Street, WC2.
November 1.

Holiday price war

From Mr M. C. Houghton

Sir, I am writing concerning the recent "price war" within the holiday industry. It is my opinion that the gimmicks presently on offer can only lead to disaster both for the industry and for the public.

Thomson Holidays and Mr H. Goodman (Intasun) may well be able to afford to sell thousands of holidays at "give-away" prices but many tour operators cannot. If these operators are forced out of business through not being able to compete then many members of the public who have already booked and paid for their holidays will be forced to unpack their cases again.

We have only just recovered from the chaos caused by the collapse of Laker, which was brought about by the larger airlines conspiring to squeeze the challenger out of business. Is this not what is now happening to the smaller operator within the travel industry? Is the Office of Fair Trading closed?

It is not only the operators who are at risk. Travel agents (ABTA) earn their money by receiving commission on the holidays which they sell. The greater their turnover the greater their profits.

The recent "price war" is not intended to encourage more people to travel overseas but to capture a larger share of the existing market for those involved. Therefore rather than the travel agents' profits being increased it will merely mean that their commission on a greater percentage of the holidays sold will be negligible.

As many agents are already struggling to survive it may well mean that many have to close, causing chaos and redundancies.

My advice to the public is this. If you have not booked with one of the companies "giving" holidays away and if these ridiculous actions continue, do not buy your sun-tan lotion until you arrive at your destination; you may not get the chance to use it. I hope that ABTA collect subscriptions early.

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November 4.

Relative values

From Dr S. A. R. Knox

Sir, Your Technology Correspondent reports (October 29) that a Department of Trade and Industry study shows Britain devotes the smallest share of its domestic product to civil research and development compared with our major industrial competitors. May I highlight one example of this neglect?

The total sum which the Government-funded Science and Engineering Research Council is able to make available for basic research grants in chemistry at all the universities and polytechnics of Britain in a whole year is comparable with the reported (also October 29) cost to the taxpayer of the recent spy trial debacle.

Yours sincerely,
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October 30.

Museum charges

From Mr Peter G. Medcalf

Sir, I have listened sympathetically to Sir Roy Strong's arguments for the need for direct contributions from visitors to the Victoria & Albert Museum. Indeed I find it hard to believe that the institution could be satisfactorally funded in any other way. Nevertheless, I'm still haunted by the memory of the years that I lived in London as a child during the nineteen forties and fifties.

We were a large and far from wealthy family. With my brothers and sisters I spent many afternoons in the South Kensington museums and not least the Victoria and Albert. Even a modest entrance fee would have discouraged those visits, to our loss.

I'm sure it would be easy to make a convincing case for exempting from the charge (voluntary or otherwise) almost any section of society. In spite of that I'm certain that the free admission of children is a just demand. Scruffy and noisy as many of them are, as I was, they will be the museum's supporters in the future.

Yours faithfully,
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Rainham,
Kent.
November 5.

Origins of 'Eagle'

From Mr Ruari McLean

Sir, *Eagle*, the children's paper of the fifties, was, I believe, sufficiently important in its day to justify getting the facts about it right.

I was amazed to read in *The Times* article of October 25 that "Hampson created the first three issues of *Eagle* on the dining-room table of his council flat". The first seven issues of *Eagle* were "created" (i.e., put together) on the dining-room table of a flat in South Audley Street which I shared with the Reverend Marcus Morris, the paper's editor. They were "created", if anywhere, mostly in Marcus Morris's head, and after the seventh issue they were put together in the Shoe Lane offices of Hulton Press. Hampson was all this time several hundred miles away.

The conception of *Eagle*, including Dan Dare on the front, and, let it be remembered, St Paul on the back (also drawn by Hampson) was entirely that of Morris, who had found Hampson, discerned his talent, and paid him a retainer out of his own pocket for the whole period the dummy was being worked on.

Frank Hampson's contribution to *Eagle* was indeed remarkable, and must not be underrated: but it was under editorial direction, and was far from being the only item that made *Eagle* great.

RUARI McLEAN,
Pier Cottage,
Carsaig,
Isle of Mull.
October 27.

Music for millions

From the Editor of Classical Music

Sir, When your "Letter from Sydney" this morning (November 5) said that "There can be few countries with a population of 15 million which support a full-time national opera company" I am afraid I spent some time trying to remember whether the population of Finland was more or less than five million. Then, Norway and Sweden: but the real need is to remind your readers of the existence of Wales and Scotland.

I trust your correspondent's figure will not be misused by those who believe in cutting arts support in countries of any size.

Your faithfully,
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ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 7 1805

From about the 1860s spurious copies of the issue of Nov 7 1805 were pirated by jobbing printers throughout the country - generally for sale on Trafalgar day, October 21. A genuine copy carries advertisements only on column one on the front page and the price is printed as "sixpence", not 6d. The most blatant forgery is one that cannibalizes two issues - the victory, and a poem on Nelson's death: the latter did not appear until December 7. Some counterfeits avoid such errors which then entails an examination of the coat of arms, typography, etc.

[*TRAFALGAR*]

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE Nov. 6.

Dispatches, of which the following are Copies, were received at the Admiralty this day, at one o'clock A. M. from Vice-Admiral Collingwood, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels off Cadiz:-

SIR, Eurvalus, off Cape Trafalgar Oct 22, 1805.

The ever-to-be-lamented death of Vice-Admiral Lord Viscount Nelson, who, in the late conflict with the enemy, fell in the hour of victory, leaves to me the duty of informing my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that on the 19th instant, it was communicated to the Commander in Chief, from the ships watching the motions of the enemy in Cadiz, that the Combined Fleet had put to sea: ...

On Monday the 21st instant, at daylight, when Cape Trafalgar bore E. by S. about seven leagues, the enemy was discovered six or seven miles to the Eastward, the wind about West, and very light; the Commander in Chief immediately made the signal for the fleet to bear up in two columns, as they are formed in order of sailing, a mode of attack his Lordship had previously directed, to avoid the inconvenience and delay in forming a line of battle in the usual manner. The enemy's line consisted of thirty-three ships (of which eighteen were French, and fifteen Spanish), commanded in Chief by Admiral Villeneuve: the Spaniards, under the direction of Gravina, were, with their heads to the Northward, and formed their line of battle with great closeness and correctness: but as the mode of attack was unusual, so the structure of their line was new; it formed a crescent, convexing to leeward, so that, in leading down to their centre, I had both their van and rear abaft the beam: before the fire opened, every alternate ship was about a cable's length to windward of her second a-head and a-stern, forming a kind of double line, and appeared, when on their beam, to leave a very little interval between them; and this without crowding their ships. Admiral Villeneuve was in the Bucentaure, in the centre, and the Prince of Asturias bore Gravina's flag in the rear, but the French and Spanish ships were mixed without any apparent regard to order of national squadron. ...

The Commander in Chief, in the Victory led the weather column, and the Royal Sovereign, which bore my flag, the lee.

The action began at twelve o'clock, by the leading ships of the columns breaking through the enemy's line, the Commander in Chief about the tenth ship from the van, the Second in Command about the twelfth from the rear, leaving the van of enemy unoccupied: the succeeding ships breaking through in all parts, astern of their leaders, and engaging the enemy at the muzzles of their guns; the conflict was severe; the enemy's ships were fought with a gallantry highly honourable to their Officers; but the attack on them was irresistible, and it pleased the Almighty Disposer of all events to grant his Majesty's arms a complete and glorious victory. About three P. M. many of the enemy's ships having struck their colours, their line gave way: Admiral Gravina, with ten ships joining their frigates to leeward, stood towards Cadiz. The five headmost ships in their van tacked, and standing to the Southward, to windward of the British line, were engaged, and the sternmost of them taken. ...

A circumstance occurred during the action, which so strongly marks the invincible spirit of British seamen, when engaging the enemies of their country, that I cannot resist the pleasure I have in making it known to their Lordships; the Temeraire was boarded by accident: or design, by a French ship on one side, and a Spaniard on the other; the contest was vigorous, but, in the end, the Combined Ensigns were torn from the poop, and the British hoisted in their places.

Such a battle could not be fought without sustaining a great loss of men. I have not only to lament, in common with the British Navy, and the British Nation, in the Fall of the Commander in Chief, the loss of a Hero, whose name will be immortal, and his memory ever dear to his country: but my heart is rent with the most poignant grief for the death of a friend, to whom, by many years intimacy, and a perfect knowledge of the virtues of his mind, which inspired ideas superior to the common race of men, I was bound by the strongest ties of affection; a grief to which even the glorious occasion in which he fell, does not bring the consolation which, perhaps, it ought: his Lordship received a musket ball in his left breast, about the middle of the action, and sent an Officer to me immediately with his last farewell; and soon after expired. ...

The Royal Sovereign having lost her masts, except the tottering foremast, I called the Euryalus to me, while the action continued, which ship lying within hail, made my signals – a service Captain Blackwood performed with great attention: after the action, I shifted my flag to her, that I might more easily communicate any orders to, and collect the ships, and towed the Royal Sovereign out to Seaward. The whole fleet were now in a very perilous situation, many dismasted, all shattered, in thirteen fathom water, off the shoals of Trafalgar: and when I made the signal to prepare to anchor, few of the ships had an anchor to let go, their cables being shot; but the same good Providence which aided us through such a day preserved us in the night, by the wind shifting a few points, and drifting the ships off the land, except four of the captured dismasted ships, which are now at anchor off Trafalgar.

I am, &c.

(Signed) C. COLLINGWOOD.

William Marsden, Esq.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 6: The Queen, accompanied by The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, went in State to the Palace of Westminster today to open the Session of Parliament.

The Royal Procession was formed in the following order:

THE IRISH STATE COACH
(with Four Grey Horses)
THE QUEEN
The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips

SECOND CARRIAGE
(Glass Coach with Two Grey Horses)
The Duchess of Grafton
(Mistress of the Robes)
The Duke of Northumberland
(Lord Steward)
The Earl of Westmorland
(Master of the Horse)

THIRD CARRIAGE
(State Landau with Two Bay Horses)
Lady Susan Hussey
Mrs John Dugdale
(Ladies in Waiting)
General Sir Desmond Fitzpatrick
(Gold Stick in Waiting)

FOURTH CARRIAGE
(State Landau with Two Bay Horses)
Admiral Sir Derek Empson
(Rear-Admiral of the United Kingdom)
The Viscount Long
(Lord in Waiting)
The Right Hon Sir Philip Moore
(Private Secretary to The Queen)
Mr Peter Miles
(Keeper of the Privy Purse)

FIFTH CARRIAGE
(State Landau with Two Bay Horses)
Mr John Cope, MP
(Treasurer of the Household)
Mr Carol Mather, MP
(Comptroller of the Household)
Major Hugh Lindsay
(Equerry in Waiting)

SIXTH CARRIAGE
(State Landau with Two Bay Horses)
Colonel James Hamilton-Russell
(Silver Stick in Waiting)
Colonel David Lewis
(Field Officer in Brigade Waiting)

MOTOR CAR
Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller
(Crown Equerry)

Her Majesty and Her Royal Highness were conducted to their carriage by the Master of the Horse and left Buckingham Palace at 11 o'clock, escorted by a Sovereign's Escort of the Household Cavalry, under the command of Major T. P. E. Barclay, The Blues and Royals.

The Queen's Guard, found by the 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards, with The Queen's Colour, the Band of the Welsh Guards and the Corps of Drums of the Battalion, under the command of Major Simon Vandeleur, was mounted in the Quadrangle of Buckingham Palace.

The route of the Procession was lined by troops of the Guards Division.

A Guard of Honour of the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards with the State Colour, the Band of the Regiment and the Corps of Drums of the Battalion, under the command of Major Peter Hicks, was mounted at the Palace of Westminster.

A dismounted party of non-commissioned officers and men of the Household Cavalry, under the command of Captain J. C. Hopkins, The Life Guards, was stationed at Victoria Tower, House of Lords.

A Salute of 41 guns was fired in Hyde Park by The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, under the command of Captain Charles Lane, upon the arrival of Her Majesty at the Houses of Parliament, and from the Tower of London Saluting Battery at 12 noon by the Honourable Artillery Company, under the command of Major Richard Close-Smith.

The Imperial State Crown, the Sword of State and the Cap of Maintenance were conveyed previously to the House of Lords in a Carriage Procession formed in the following order, and escorted by a Regalia Escort of the Household Cavalry:

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S STATE COACH
(with Four Bay Horses)
Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnston
(Comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office)
Lieutenant-Colonel George West
(Assistant Comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office)
Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barraclough
(Gentleman Usher to the Sword of State)

SECOND CARRIAGE
(Town Coach with Two Bay Horses)
Mr Peter Wright
Mr George Harris
(Serjeants-at-Arms to The Queen)

Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson (Equerry to The Queen) and the Hon Robert Cecil, Mr Harry Legge-Bourke, Mr Piers Blewitt and Mr Malcolm Maclean (Pages of Honour to The Queen) were in attendance at the Palace of Westminster.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms under the command of the Lord Denham (Captain) was on duty in the Prince's Chamber.

Colonel Richard Crichton (Lieutenant), Major the Marquess of Donegall (Standard Bearer), Major David Jamieson (Clerk of the Cheque and Adjutant) and Lieutenant-Colonel James Eagles (Harbinger) were on duty with the Corps.

The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard, under the command of the Earl of Swinton (Captain) was on duty in the House of Lords.

Colonel Alan Pemberton (Lieutenant), Major Bruce Shand (Clerk of the Cheque and Adjutant), Colonel Greville Tufnell (Ensign) and Lieutenant-Colonel Shaun Longsdon (Exon) were also on duty.

Her Majesty and Her Royal Highness returned to Buckingham Palace at 12.18pm and were received by the Earl of Airlie (Lord Chamberlain) and the Hon Robert Boscawen, MP (Vice-Chamberlain of the Household).

The Most Reverend Sir Paul Reeves (Governor-General designate of New Zealand) had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George.

The Most Reverend Sir Paul and Lady Reeves had the honour of being invited to luncheon with The Queen.

The Queen this afternoon invested The Duke of Kent with the Insignia of a Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this evening attended a Reception given by Securicor Ltd (Chairman, Mr Peter Smith) at the Richmond Hill Hotel, Richmond, Surrey.

During the Reception, Her Royal Highness, President of the Save the Children Fund, received a cheque on behalf of the Fund, to mark the Golden Jubilee of Securicor.

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

By Command of The Queen, the Baroness Hooper (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Gatwick Airport, London this morning upon the departure of Princess Alexandra, the Hon Mrs Angus Ogilvy and the Hon Angus Ogilvy for Canada and bade farewell to Her Royal Highness and Mr Ogilvy on behalf of Her Majesty.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 6: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon visited Queen Mary's London Needlework Guild at St James's Palace.

Ruth, Lady Fermoy was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 6: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present at the State Opening of Parliament this morning.

The Duchess of Gloucester, President, Civil Service Sports Council, this afternoon visited the Chiswick Ground on the occasion of the Council's 60th Anniversary.

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S ALACE
November 6: The Duke and Duchess of Kent were present at the State opening of Parliament this morning.

The Duke of Kent, Chairman of the National Electronics Council, this afternoon took the chair at the council's Annual General Meeting and later attended the Mountbatten Lecture, which was given by Mr Basil de Ferranti, at the Institution of Electrical Engineers.

Captain Charles Blount was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this evening attended a Gala Concert in aid of the Lord Mayor's Appeal for St Paul's Choir School at the Barbican.

Mrs Alan Henderson was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
November 6: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy, attended by Miss Mona Mitchell, left Gatwick Airport, London this afternoon in a Boeing 707 aircraft of Canadian Forces to visit Canada for the 125th Anniversary celebrations of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, of which Regiment Her Royal Highness is Colonel-in-Chief, and the opening of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto.

Upon arrival at the Airport, Princess Alexandra and Mr Ogilvy were received by Mr L. A. Delvoie (Deputy High Commissioner for Canada), Colonel R. L. Cowling (Army Adviser, Canadian High Commission), Mr T. L. Wells (Agent General for Ontario) and Mr V. L. Murphy (Deputy Director, British Airports Authority, Gatwick).

Latest appointments

Mr Michael John Turner, QC, to be a Justice of the High Court, in the Queen's Bench Division.

Brigadier M. N. S. McCord (retd) has succeeded Major-General H. E. N. Breslin (retd) as Colonel of the Royal Irish Rangers.

Mr Leslie Hardy to be President of the Rating and Valuation Association.

Dr Gordon C. Hard to be Director of the British Industrial Biological Research Association from December 1, in succession to Dr David M. Conning.

Mr Jim Coe to be Deputy Chief Press Secretary to the Prime Minister.

Miss Jean Caines, Deputy Chief Press Secretary to the Prime Minister, to be Head of Information Division in the Department of Transport in December. She succeeds Mr Michael Devereau, who is moving to the Central Office of Information.

Anglo-Spanish Ball

Prince Edward, Lady Helen Windsor, Infanta Elena and Infanta Christina of Spain and Princess Alexia of the Hellenes were present at the Anglo-Spanish Ball held last night at Grosvenor House. The Spanish Ambassador, president of the ball and President of the Anglo-Spanish Society, accompanied by Señora Puig de la Bellacasa, received the guests.

Royal Institution



Professor John Thomas

Professor John M. Thomas, FRS, of Cambridge University, has been appointed Director of the Royal Institution and resident professor and director of the Davy Faraday research laboratory from October, 1986, in succession to Sir George Porter, FRS, who has been nominated as the next president of the Royal Society.

Professor David Phillips, Wolfson professor of natural philosophy in the Royal Institution, has been appointed Deputy Director of the Royal Institution from the same date and will be acting director from January to September, 1986.

Dr Anthony K. Cheetham, tutor in inorganic chemistry at Christ Church and lecturer in chemical crystallography, Oxford University, has been appointed professor in the Royal Institution from October, 1986, and a new chair of solid state chemistry is to be established. This appointment will be held concurrently with his Oxford post.

Sir George Porter will remain as Fullerian professor of chemistry in the Royal Institution until August, 1988.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G. W. H. Adams and Miss M. Morton
The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, elder son of Mr and Mrs G. J. Adams, of Benalla, Victoria, Australia and Madeline, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. E. Morton, of Tollandool, The Rock, New South Wales, Australia.

Mr P. J. Capper and Miss J. Aires
The engagement is announced between Peter Julian, younger son of the late Major C. F. Capper, of Nairobi, Kenya and of Mrs Rosamund Capper, of Bexhill, Sussex and Jenifer, younger daughter of the late Lesley Aires, of Johannesburg, South Africa and Mrs Mary Aires, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Major W. H. S. Douglas and Miss F. M. Riddle
The engagement is announced between William, elder son of Mr Ian Douglas and the late Mrs Ian Douglas, of Castle Douglas and Frances Mary, eldest daughter of Brigadier and Mrs R. W. Riddle, of Blyth Bridge, Peebleshire.

Mr R. F. J. Faulkner and Miss K. Ando
The engagement is announced between Rupert, eldest son of Mr D. A. Faulkner, of St Radegund, Austria, and Mrs G. L. Werly, of York Mansions, Prince of Wales Drive, London, and Kyoko, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs S. Ando, of Tokyo, Japan.

Mr S. Gonzales-Moveno and Miss A. Taghavy
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr Jaime Gonzalez-Moveno, of Lucerne, Switzerland, and Mrs Eve Pemberton, of St Hellier, Jersey, to Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Taghavy, of Peking, China.

Mr S. J. Halliday and Dr S. E. Davies
The engagement is announced between Simon, youngest son of Commander (RN ret'd) and Mrs D. G. Halliday, of Marnhull, Dorset, and Suzanne, daughter of Dr and Mrs Duncan Davies, of Wimbledon, London.

Mr C. H. Peers and Miss A. R. Yeo
The engagement is announced between Christopher Hunter Peers, of 16 Paradise Walk, Chelsea, and Annabella, youngest daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Colin Yeo, of Manor Cottage, Wadhurst.

Mr J. P. D. Rankin and Dr N. J. Fothergill
The engagement is announced between Julian, youngest son of Mr Dugald Rankin and Mrs Helen Reid, of London, and Jane, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Fothergill, of Richmond, Surrey.

Dr R. G. Sutcliffe and Dr M. S. Campo
The engagement is announced between Roger Graham, son of Lieutenant Colonel (rtd) and Mrs R. Sutcliffe, of Alderley Edge, Cheshire, and Maria Saveria, daughter of Dr A. and Dr R. Campo, of Palermo, Italy.

Mr S. K. Tester and Miss M. E. M. O'Hara
The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mrs Audrey Tester and the late Mr Kenneth Tester, of Surbiton, and Margaret, elder daughter of the late Mr and Mrs David O'Hara, of Bedford.

Mr A. H. Tett and Miss D. D. Lumm
The engagement is announced between Adrian Tett, of Zululand, Natal, son of the late Mr Michael Tett, QC, of Zimbabwe, and of Mrs Jennifer Gingell, of London, and Deborah, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Lumm, of Melbourne House, St John, Jersey.

Mr H. D. Thomas and Miss E. A. Barraclough
The engagement is announced between Huw David, elder son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Thomas, of Elder Grove, Carmarthen, and Elizabeth Anne, daughter of the Rev Owen and Mrs Barraclough, of Christ Church, Swindon, Wiltshire.

Mr J. L. White-Hamilton and Miss D. J. Fraser
The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. H. A. Hamilton, of Macroney Castle, Cork, Republic of Ireland, and Diana, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs H. B. Fraser, of Manor Farm, West Chelborough, Dorset.

Sale room

Post-war art fails to sell in New York

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Expensive post-war art proved extremely difficult to shift when Sotheby's offered a range of important works in New York on Tuesday. "Resistance began at half a million dollars", Lucy Havelock-Allan, the auction expert, said. "The euphoria of the spring had bred very high expectations".

The longest painting ever offered at Sotheby's Stella's 500-in "Sangre de Cristo", of 1967, did not attract a single bid when the auctioneer opened the bidding at $500,000. The presale estimate was $750,000 to $1 million. He tried a $700,000 same opener for the 240-in Barnett Newman "Anna's Light" of 1968, for which they were hoping to get $1.5 million, but again there was no bid. The large canvas is mostly red with a white stripe at each end.

Both the important paintings by David Hockney failed to sell. His 10-ft double portrait of "Christopher Isherwood and Don Bachardy, painted in 1968, was bought in at $570,000 (unpublished estimate $500,000-$700,000), while "Domestic Scene, Broadchalke, Wilts", of 1963, which depicts Joe Tilson and Peter Phillips sharing a sofa in Richard Buckle's Wiltshire cottage, was unsold at $190,000 (estimate $225,000-$275,000). A 155-in Clyfford Still of 1955, called "Untitled", was bought in at $525,000 (unpublished estimate $700,000-$900,000).

In contrast, there was very active bidding at the lower end of the market and it was a big day for Cy Twombly, the American artist who has lived and worked in Italy for the past 30 years, producing large canvases which look as if they have been scribbled on. A characteristic 5-ft example of 1956 made an auction price record for his work at $418,000 (estimate $300,000-$350,000) (or £287,285).

The other Twomblys were also selling well above estimate. Hitherto there has been an active market for his work in Europe, but now interest is growing in the wealthier American scene.

Another new auction price record was the $45,100 (estimate $40,000-$60,000) for Carl Andre's "Equivalent III" of 1969. This is an arrangement of 120 bricks in two layers from the same series as the bricks bought by the Tate Gallery in 1976, which caused a public uproar and called the nature of art into question. Andre created seven arrangements of 120 bricks in 1969, a reconstruction of an idea he had first exhibited in 1966. The Tate set was said to have cost the nation $1,000.

In Sotheby's London sale of topographical paintings, Spink's paid £36,300 (estimate £12,000-£18,000) for a volume of 44 Chinese watercolours from the studios of Ting Qua. The sale totalled £361,735, with 10 per cent unsold. Their sale of arms and amour made £144,490, with 28 per cent unsold and included a pair of duelling pistols of about 1814 by Joseph Manton at £5,500 (estimate £5,500-£6,500).

Shakespeare mural found

A wall painting recently found behind panelling and whitewash at the White Hart Hotel, St Albans, Hertfordshire, has been described by Dr Clive Rouse, a consultant to the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments, as a national art treasure.

The mural, dating from 1600, shows the death of Adonis from Shakespeare's early narrative poem, "Venus and Adonis". Benskins, the brewer which owns the hotel, have so far spent £15,000 restoring the picture.

City Livery Club

The following have been elected officers of the City Livery Club for the ensuring year:

President: Mr Norman A. Royce; vice-president: Sir John Welch; hon secretary: Mr Deputy Bernard L. Morgan; hon treasurer: Mr Philip F. Allday.

Latest wills

Sir Robert Frederick Payne, of North Ferriby, Humberside, solicitor, President of the Law Society 1969-70, left estate valued at £176,167 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Ingram, Mrs Margery Lecky, of Belgravia, London.....£707,394
Bell-Jones, Mr Ronald, of Bournemouth, Dorset.....£688,225

Birthdays today

Air Vice-Marshal Sir John Donald, 58; the Rev Professor Christopher Evans, 76; Mr Timmy Flint, 33; Dr Billy Graham, 67; Mrs Lucinda Green, 32; Lord Greenhill of Harrow, 72; Vice-Admiral Sir Nicholas Hunt, 55; Miss Gwyneth Jones, 49; Professor Sir Edmund Leach, 75; Professor K. Lorenz, 82; Mr Wolf Mankowitz, 61; Sir Robert Micklethwait, QC, 83; Sir John Muir, 75; Miss Ruth Pitter, 88; Dame Joan Sutherland, 59; Dame Jean Taylor, 69; Baroness White, 76.

Science report

Quake simulator should lead to safer buildings

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Earthquakes of the past, including the recent Mexico disaster, will be re-created in a laboratory next year to help British civil engineers.

An earthquake simulator, consisting of a three-metre square table driven by computer-controlled hydraulic rams, is being built at Bristol University, at a cost of £473,000.

It will enable scale models weighting up to 15 tonnes to be shaken by the power of previously recorded earthquakes.

The simulator, provided by the Science and Engineering Research Council, will be used to develop methods of designing essential buildings such as hospitals, dams, suspension bridges and other "lifeline" structures to withstand such natural forces.

Data from arrays of electronic detectors on the models will be analysed with digital signal processing equipment to help experts in the construction industry as well as academic researchers.

The simulator, which should be operational by the end of next year, is a symbol of the earthquake engineering research programme being funded by the council.

The programme is being given priority for three reasons. A large volume of overseas work in which design against seismic forces is mandatory is already carried out by the British construction industry.

New European Community regulations, now in draft form, will impose similar design requirements on a number of large constructions in Britain, apart from those already relevant to nuclear power stations.

The third reason is the responsibility which university engineering departments have, through the council, of involving themselves in fundamental research.

The provision of earthquake design of some structures in Britain is a reminder that the UK is not immune from seismic threat, as evidenced by the 5.5 magnitude quake in July of last year, with its epicentre on the North Wales coast.

OBITUARY

MR SPENCER KIMBALL
Head of Mormon Church



Mr Spencer W. Kimball, the president and prophet of the Mormon Church since 1973, died in Salt Lake City, Utah, on November 5. He was 90.

Under his energetic leadership the membership of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints went up by over sixty per cent, a fact in a large measure attributable to his decision to admit blacks to the Mormon priesthood.

Born in Salt Lake City in 1895, Kimball who owned and managed his own insurance company, entered full time church service in 1943 and became the 12th "prophet, seer and revelator" of the Mormons in 1973 after more than thirty years as a member of the council of the 12 apostles, one of the church's key governing bodies.

Before age and infirmity circumscribed his activities Kimball was one of the church's most vigorous leaders. Though conservative on most social issues, in 1976 he announced that a divine revelation had commanded him to cease the practice of denying to blacks membership of the priesthood, with the result that there was a surge in membership of the church.

Kimball also greatly increased the Mormon missionary force and himself travelled the world, notably as the first Mormon leader to visit communist countries. As a result of his revelation the Mormon church also won converts in the third world.

During the period of his leadership, the membership of the church rose from just over three million to well over five million.

However, Kimball proved a thorn in the side of women's rights activists for his implacable opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment, designed to put women on a par, legally, with men. And the Mormons' political strength in the states of Utah, Nevada and Arizona was deployed against women's rights activists' attempts to secure the necessary approval of 38 state legislatures.

Kimball also astonished the US Defense Department in 1981 by a fierce condemnation of the plan to construct the MX missile system in Utah.

Latterly a series of serious operations had largely confined him to his appartment.

PROF J. M. WALLACE-HADRILL

Professor J. M. Wallace-Hadrill, CBE, FBA, Chichele Professor of Modern History at Oxford University from 1974 to 1983, died aged 69 on November 3. He was one of the most original, influential medieval historians of his generation.

John Michael Wallace-Hadrill was born on September 29, 1916, and educated at Cheltenham College and Corpus Christi College, Oxford, where he was a Scholar 1935-9, and then Junior Research Fellow and Librarian from 1945-47.

Before the outbreak of war he had begun research on the legendary history and posthumous reputation of Charlemagne, mainly under the supervision of F. M. Powicke, whom he greatly admired, and whose tradition of scholarship he continued and developed in his own way. He spent the six years of the war in military service, ending at Bletchley on intelligence work. On his return to Oxford he greatly enlarged the scope of his researches.

In 1947 he became a Fellow and Tutor of Merton College. From 1955 to 1961 he was Professor of Medieval History at Manchester, but returned in the later years to Merton as a Senior Research Fellow, until his election as Chichele Professor of Modern History at All Souls College in 1974.

He was elected FBA in 1969, and appointed CBE in 1983, in which year he retired, but continued to work in All Souls until his death.

Almost the whole of his career, and perhaps all his academic loyalties, were centred on his three Oxford colleges, to which he was deeply attached, dedicating two of his books to them, and acting as Garden Master at both Merton and All Souls.

As a historian he was distinguished by his wide learning and equable judgement, but above all by an imaginative understanding of his chosen period of the very highest quality. Although he abandoned his early research on the Charlemagne legend after the war, the figure of Charlemagne dominated the whole area of study of which he became the acknowledged master.

The main lines of his permanent interests were already laid down in his first small book, *The Barbarian West, 400-1000*, published in 1952; and the same spirit of enquiry and the same area of study, vastly enlarged and more profoundly interpreted, informs his last great book, the *Frankish Church* published in 1983. In fact, the modest preface of the first is echoed in the last: "I have attempted no more than a consideration of those aspects that have most interested me over the years".

In both books, those "aspects" go to the centre of the life of the barbarian west during its formation centuries: "the Roman West became barbarized, and yet it looked back. It remembered Rome". The history of the period, or at least a large part of it, was the history of people "who could live like barbarians, but think they were Romans".

It was this ambivalence, experienced at many different levels, that dominated the long succession of books and papers between 1952 and 1983, which essentially reconstructed this period of history. The key figures, studied in increasing depth and multiplicity of activities, remained largely the same: Clovis, Bede, Charlemagne, Charles the Bald, King Alfred, Hincmar of Rheims. So the work which he had described as "only a sketch" in 1952 gradually turned into a huge and carefully elaborated canvas, inspiring a whole host of students and researchers as it developed.

Wallace-Hadrill was a creative supervisor of research and a lecturer who commanded attention by the sober eloquence of his words, even when they were above the heads of his audience. His own personality was present in all that he wrote or spoke: quiet, quizzical, somewhat withdrawn; he hated publicity and all kinds of self-display, though he took an amused and even sympathetic interest in those of his colleagues who did not share his preference for rural peace, family life, and the cultivation of a garden.

He was an excellent host and an amusing companion, and no conversation with him was lacking in some refreshing sidelights on the eccentricities of human behaviour.

In the course of his career he held many offices in learned societies. He was editor of the *English Historical Review* for nine years, Publications Secretary of the British Academy for four, and a Delegate of the Oxford University Press from 1971 till his death. In all these positions, and in his own lifelong devotion to his pupils, he was notable for his patience in reading and assessing large quantities of other scholars' work, not without acerbity, but always with a generous recognition of quality.

His marriage to Anne Wakefield in 1951 was one of the greatest happinesses of his life. She survives him with two sons.

MR HANS KELLER

Mr Hans Keller, the British music critic of Austrian birth died yesterday at the age of 66.

Keller was best known as an astute, questioning, usually idiosyncratic writer on the second Viennese school, analysis and interpretation.

He was born in Vienna on March 11, 1919. After studying in his native city, he was imprisoned after the *Anschluss* with Germany, but managed to flee to England, where he continued his musical studies, while playing the violin and viola in various chamber groups, which later gave him a revealing insight into the quartet repertory.

He then became contributor to *Music Review* (1949) and joint editor, with Donald Mitchell, of the influential *Music Survey* (1949-52).

In 1959, he joined the BBC Music Division, where he held a variety of positions, and produced a number of important programmes of music and talks. He also translated librettos and other writings on music from German to English and wrote the libretto for Benjamin Frankel's as yet unproduced opera, *Marching Song*, based on John Whiting's play of that name.

From the mid-1950s, Keller expounded his thesis of functional analysis, designed to show a piece of music developed from certain unifying ideas and to trace their implementation. Difficult to describe in words, this theory was fascinating to hear as told by Keller on the radio.

Although he wrote no full-scale book, his contributions to various compendiums, in particular to books on Britten, and his articles on Mozart, Schoenberg, Shostakovich and serialism in several learned journals, are of far more than ephemeral interest, and were the product of his highly individual and probing mind.

In conversation, which he loved, he could be aggravatingly contradictory and/or challenging, never allowing any statement to pass without a challenge from his active thoughts on the matter. Though superficially prickly, he was – to those who knew him well – kind and considerate.

He was a great soccer enthusiast and loved to talk about the game almost as much as music.

He is survived by his wife, the artist Milein Cosman.

Luncheons

Royal College of Surgeons of England
Professor Sir Geoffrey Slaney, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, yesterday entertained at luncheon at the college Mr J. Burnett-Stewart and Mr R. M. Graham.

East European Trade Council
Dr N. S. Wooding, Deputy Chairman of the East European Trade Council, presided at a luncheon given yesterday at the Café Royal in honour of Mr A. Karas, Under-Secretary of State at the Polish Ministry of Foreign Trade, and members of his delegation on the occasion of the twelvth session of the British-Polish Joint Commission. Mr A. J. Hunter, leader of the British team, was among others present.

Lunchtime Comment Club
Captain G. Brian Evans, RN, Race Secretary of the Whitbread "Round the World Race" Committee, was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the Lunchtime Comment Club held yesterday at the Connaught Rooms. The Chairman, Mr Alan W. Ure, presided.

Access Men of the Year
The 1985 Access Men of the Year Luncheon, in aid of the Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation (RADAR), took place at the Savoy Hotel yesterday. The chairman was the Duke of Buccleuch, and the other speakers were Mr Norman Tebbit, MP, and Mr Frank Delaney. The guests included:
Mr Reginald May (Director and Deputy Chief Executive of Access), Mr David Trimbath (non-executive director, Access), Mr George Wilson (Director of RADAR), Dr Adrian Stokes (Chairman of RADAR), Dr J. C. Somerville (Vice-president of RADAR), Lord Colgrain and Mr E. S. Bontoft (Honorary Treasurers of RADAR).

The men of the year were: Mr Chris Bonington, Mr Peter Hull, PC John Myhill, Coxswain Donald McKay, Dr Barry Powell, Mr David Puttnam, Mr Terence Waite, Mr Simon Weston and Mr Allan Williams.

HM Government
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon at Lancaster House given in honour of the High Commissioner for Uganda.

Receptions

To the Dean of Westminster
Sir Sigmund Sternberg, Chairman of the International Council of Christians and Jews, was host at a reception at Church House yesterday on behalf of the friends of the Very Rev Edward Carpenter on the occasion of his retirement as the Dean of Westminster. Tributes were paid by Viscount Tonypandy, Vice-President of the Council of Christians and Jews, the Rev Marcus Braybrooke, Executive Director of the Council of Christians and Jews, and Rabbi Hugo Gryn, Senior Minister of the West London Synagogue.

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
Mr Mark Carlisle, QC, MP, deputy chairman, and Mr Guy Barnett, MP, joint honorary treasurer, were hosts yesterday at a reception in the Houses of Parliament given by the Executive Committee of the UK Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association for high commissioners and other representatives of Commonwealth countries in London and visiting Commonwealth members attending the state opening of Parliament.

Inter-Parliamentary Union
Mr David Crouch, MP, Chairman of the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, and the executive committee, were hosts at a reception yesterday in Westminster after the state opening of Parliament in honour of members of the Diplomatic Corps.

Crosher and James
The partners of Crosher and James, chartered quantity surveyors, held a reception last night at Ironmongers' Hall to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the firm.

Commonwealth Jewish Council
Sir Joshua Hassan, QC, Chief Minister of Gibraltar, was presented with the annual award of the Commonwealth Jewish Council for Services to the Commonwealth and its Jewish communities by Lord Young of Graffham at a reception at the Portman Hotel yesterday.

Dinners

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
The City of London branch of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors held its annual dinner at Drapers' Hall, yesterday evening. Mr Terence Hallam, chairman of the branch, presided and the other speakers were Sir Anthony Jolliffe, and Dr David Paul, City Coroner. Others present included:
Sir Colin Cole, the President and Secretary General of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, the President of the British Property Federation, the Master of the Surveyors' Company, the Master of the Drapers' Company, and the City Surveyor.

Fruiterers' Company
Mr R. E. Starns, Master of the Fruiterers' Company, presided at a dinner held last night at Innholders' Hall. Alderman Sir Robin Gillett, Mr M. B. Sykes, Mr N. G. Sheldon, Renter Warden, and Mrs Pauline Halliday, Clerk, also spoke. The guests included the Masters of the Innholders', Master Mariners' and Freemen of The City of London of North America Companies.

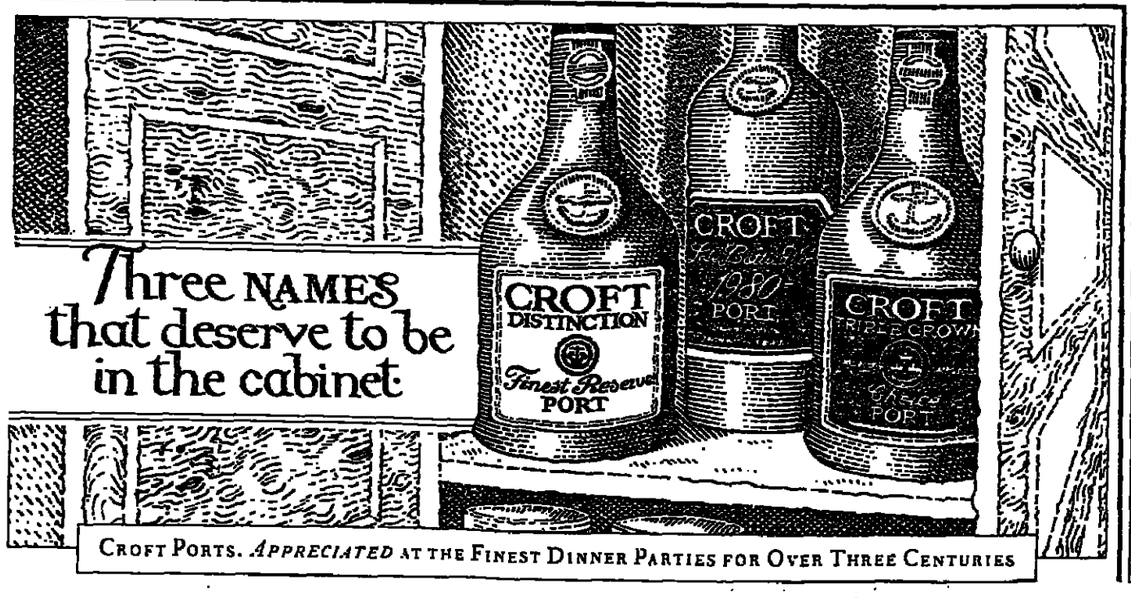
Wheelwrights' Company
A dinner for the livery of the Wheelwrights' Company and their ladies was held yesterday at Trinity House. The guests were received by the Master and Mrs R. H. Gould. The Master of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames, Mr D. J. Piper, replied to the toast of the guests which was proposed by Mr J. B. Lumsden.

Anglo-Portuguese Society
The Portuguese Ambassador presided at the annual dinner of the Anglo-Portuguese Society which was held yesterday evening at the Hotel Inter-Continental. The guests of honour were Viscount Whitelaw, CH, Lord President of the Council, and Viscountess Whitelaw and Dr Rui Machete, until recently Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of Portugal.

Service dinners

RNVR Club (Scotland)
The annual Trafalgar Night dinner of the RNVR Club (Scotland) was held on November 1 on board SV Carrick. The Immortal Memory was proposed by Admiral Sir Nicholas Hunt, Commander in Chief Fleet. The guests included Lieutenant-General Sir Norman Arthur, Vice-Admiral G. M. F. Vallings, Air Vice-Marshal F. H. Tetley, Rear-Admiral Dr K. Fischer, FGN, Rear-Admiral J. D. Williams, USN, and the Commanding Officers of the RNR and RMR Divisions in Scotland. Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McGeoch presided.

The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars
The annual regimental dinner of The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars was held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Lieutenant-General Sir Brian Kenny, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.



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THE TIMES
SPECIAL REPORT

November 7, 1985

By Barrie Clement

Academic line in business

When the Government decided to trim what it saw as financial fat from our academic institutions the experience for most universities was traumatic. But for the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology, set largely in the seeming luxury of the stately Cathays Park, Cardiff, it was merely confirmation that the college would have to continue to conduct its business as it always had done.

The word "business" with all its connotations is not foreign to the institution. Dr Aubrey Trotman-Dickenson, the principal, says: "In more ways than one we have managed to succeed". We must be the most tightly-managed university in Britain."

When the Jarrat Report was published in March it was heavily criticized by the universities because it exhorted them to run their affairs in a business-like fashion. "The strong implication by the academics who made such criticisms, was that they were above such things," says Dr Trotman-Dickenson.

The capacity of the principal and his senior staff for running a tight financial ship and for keeping the institution's academic feet on the ground through strong commercial links with government and industry has also enhanced its educational reputation.

This year the institute will receive a 30 per cent higher share of entry applications from aspiring undergraduates. And the standard of A level results by the applicants has also risen appreciably faster than the national average.

The University Grants Committee, not known for its largesse in recent years, has decided to spend about £12 million on a new engineering complex for the institute on Newport Road at the eastern end of Cardiff. "It will be the biggest single project envisaged by the UGC within the next few years", says Dr Trotman-Dickenson.

The institute's history, however, is not without its crises. Before 1976, the institute, formerly a college of advanced technology, had an uncertain future. In February 1972 the Secretary of State for Wales decided against a plan sponsored by the city, the institute and its sister institution, University College, Cardiff, for a "Higher Education Precinct" surrounding Cathays Park.

For a year the institute was without any prospect of a permanent location. But in December 1972 the Government gave permission for the institute to seek its own site. Eighteen months later a location was agreed at Llantarnam, planning began and much of the site was bought during the following few months.

But in June 1976 the Government decided that there could be no funds for such a major development. From then on the institute realized there was no "easy path to campus luxury" and that its future lay in developing where it could in the centre of the city.

The prospect now is for a merger with University College, which has more than 5,000 students, to create an establishment which will be, says Dr Trotman-Dickenson a "force to be reckoned with". The financial and academic logic of such a venture, which has been agreed in principle, has some difficulties.

The principal's management strategy has been to employ a substantial number of academics temporarily so that financial exigencies would receive a speedy response simply through natural wastage. Such an approach has also meant that the institute is constantly enriched by staff on secondments from industry, commerce and government.

The process of integration is under the guidance of Professor David Williams, president of Wolfson College, Cambridge, who was nominated by the University Grants Council and appointed by the colleges in July 1984. He is acting as an independent chairman with the help of Stephen Bragg, former vice-chancellor of Brunel University, who was appointed financial moderator in December 1984.

The institute's prospect is now "a rapid ascent after a delayed start", says Dr Trotman-Dickenson. The institute has enjoyed a huge increase in the money it has received from outside sources recently. During the past two years the financial input has doubled.

Much of the research conducted by the college is undertaken away from the premises, partly because of the restriction on space and partly because the institute has always been outward looking. Professor Patrick O'Sullivan, who holds the chair in architectural science, for instance, has been constantly involved in solving problems for both the private and public sectors. He spends much of his time, along with his colleagues, on projects away from the campus.

Professor Ronald Edwards, the applied biology specialist, is keen to promote the idea of part-time academics who spend half their time working "in the real world". Professor Edwards and his students spend much of their time in field research.

The engineering department, under the stewardship of Professor Denis Towill has been in the vanguard of universities with a strong interest in "teaching companies", where researchers tackle major problems for outside organizations and as a consequence spend much of their time away from Cathays Park.

The institute has also been outward-looking in another sense. Out of more than 3,000 students, about a sixth are from overseas – one of the highest proportions at a British university.

But conscious that such sources of income can be erratic, the institute – consistent with its policy – has spent the money on items that can be cut. This "dual economy" as Dr Trotman-Dickenson calls it, has enabled the institute to ride out the financial storm. The cuts have meant that the number of students entering all British universities have fallen in recent years and the entry requirements have consequently risen.

In common with the experience of other universities, the institute has found that the higher standards achieved by entrants have not resulted in an increase in the proportion who obtain first-class or even upper second-class honours. But there has been a marked improvement in the lower rankings and a substantial reduction in the number of those who fail to stay the course and take a degree.

As a means of encouraging applications from those with higher qualifications, the college launched a system of scholarships based on A levels for about 10 per cent of its intake of British students. These scholarships are worth £300 a year for three years.

The philosophy of the incentive is also used to motivate staff. Dr Trotman-Dickenson points out that the standard of any university is obviously dependent on the performance of its academics. The principal believes that the institute has done rather more than other institutions to create the right career environment for its employees. "We set targets in terms of promotion and they have responded splendidly", he says.

The college is still spread throughout Cardiff but in far fewer centres. The main structure is the recently constructed and partly completed Aberconway building.

Student accommodation has improved radically as the institute husbanded its finances and snapped up sites when they became available.

Both staff and students have the benefit of one of the most pleasant city centre areas in Britain. The buildings of the institute, university college, the National Museum of Wales, law courts and city hall, together with the ample green spaces in between, lead most visitors to remark on its similarity to Washington DC.

In the 1980s the city earns its living by concentrating on commerce and light industry. Increasingly, electronics companies have been attracted to the area, and the electronics specialists at the institute are in constant demand.



Dr Aubrey Trotman-Dickenson, the UWIST principal, outside one of his college buildings. And (above right) Professor Ronald Edwards, the applied biology specialist who favours the concept of part-time academics

'Tight management' policy to beat Government squeeze on funds



Ink that sinks the pirates

Professor Harry Heller has disclosed to *The Times* a discovery which could defeat the "pirates" who make counterfeit goods and forge documents. He and colleagues in the department of applied chemistry at the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology, developed new organic chemicals that can be used to make special inks to label goods.

The research has been funded by a large – and anonymous – company which hopes to market the inks as a means of confounding the pirates. The activities of the counterfeiters are estimated to be worth about £40,000 million world-wide and to have cost thousands of jobs in Britain.

Professor Heller says: "There would be little point in the Mafia kidnapping me to extract the secret formula because the inks can be made with different additives to produce an infinite number of different effects."

The newly discovered materials respond to light and only Professor Heller and his close colleagues know how to make them. Compounds that change colour reversibly on exposure to ultra-violet light and show the reverse change in white light or when exposed to warmth have been known for more than 100 years and are termed "photochromic". Professor Heller's chemicals are called "heliochromic" because of their special property of changing colour in sunlight and fading rapidly under diffused lighting conditions.

The response of the heliochromic compounds is only possible because they are highly sensitive to ultra-violet light, sensitive to white light, and yet at ambient temperatures they fade rapidly.

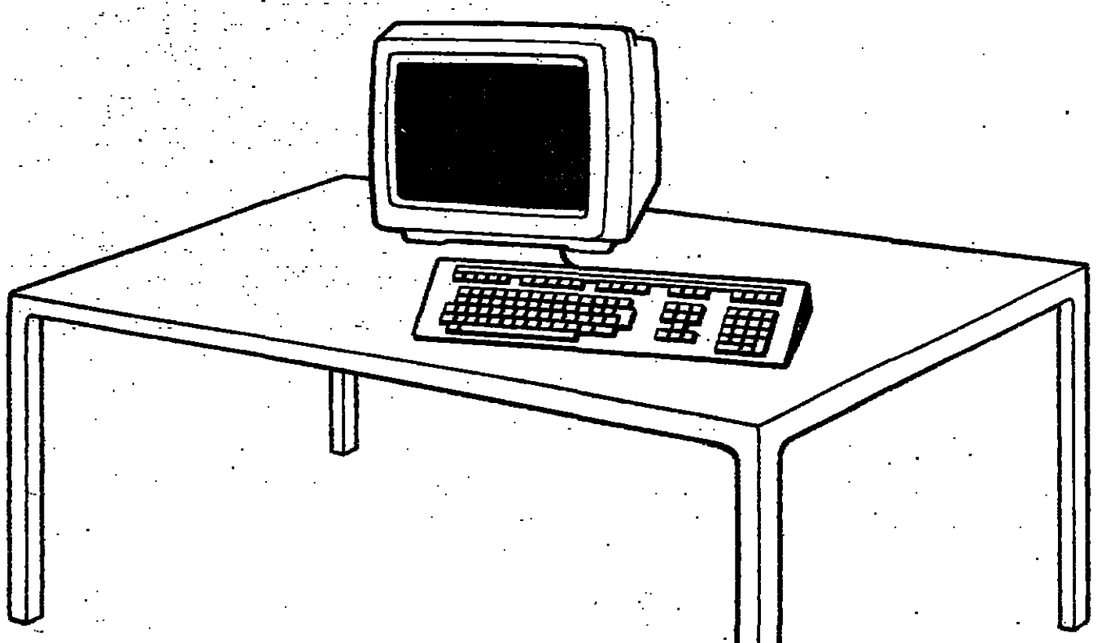
A wide range of heliochromic materials have been developed, each with its own characteristic colour change and unique rate of colouring and bleaching. A heliochromic ink made from one combination of materials will differ from any other mixture.

Professor Heller says: "Since the components and composition of the ink are secret and additives can modify colours and responses, heliochromic marks provide considerable protection to manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers and customers, who can check that the item is genuine by the simple expedient of exposing the heliochromic mark to the light of a flashgun."

Professor Heller, who holds the chair of organic chemistry, points out that the substances could be used on metal goods such as spare parts for cars, watches and clocks so that the genuine goods can be distinguished from the pirates".

The compounds can also be used to prevent the forgery of printed articles such as bank notes, cheques, stocks, bonds and any other officially issued documents of value such as passports and tax discs. It is argued that it would make the work of forging Wimbledon and FA Cup Final tickets almost impossible.

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Robots point to future

Tomorrow the institute reaffirms its commitment to the development of advanced manufacturing techniques when Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, officially opens the new Automation and Robotics Centre.

The unit was originally founded in August 1983 to cater for the research and development needs of industry in the South Wales and Severnside areas. Since then it has developed as one of the important ways in which the institute's faculty of engineering has carried out collaborative work with manufacturing.

The centre is under the direction of Professor Paul Drazan, one of the founder members of the British Robot Association and an academic with considerable involvement in industrial projects with major companies.

The main objective of the unit is, in the words of Professor Drazan, "to strengthen the links with industry and to provide the bridge between industry and the engineering departments for the transfer of technology."



Professors Paul Drazan and Denis Towill, with robot

The areas of expertise and interest within the facility are computer-aided engineering; automatic inspection, condition monitoring and system test technology; and flexible manufacturing systems and robot technology.

Among the current projects undertaken in and around the centre are the development of an automatic testing system for finished washing machines, a means of monitoring imperfections in fruit on a production line and methods of improving the sensory systems of remote-controlled deep sea tools.

Located in the Bute engineering building in Cathays Park, the centre comprises computer-aided design equipment; a microcomputer development laboratory; and a vision, flexible manufacturing systems and robotics laboratory.

Professor Drazan believes that the complex "provides an efficient and cost effective umbrella for research, collaborative projects with industry and continuing education and training".

The research work is largely sponsored by the Science and Engineering Research Council which awarded the centre one of the major Robotics Initiative Grants on automatic assemble in 1981. Earlier this year the unit received £296,000 from the Welsh Office in conjunction with Cardiff City Council and South Glamorgan County Council to promote an industrial unit within the centre to cater solely for industrial consultancies and projects.

One area of special interest for the dean of the institute's faculty of engineering, Professor Denis Towill, is an advanced master's degree course for linking information technology to production systems.

The M-Eng in systems engineering was founded in October 1982, based on the long experience gained from an earlier course in system test technology. UWIST was specifically highlighted in the recent Butcher Report entitled "Signposts for the Future" as a model of good practice.

The course deals with the aspects of information technology which has specific relevance to manufacturing.

Full ahead in maritime study

A college of limited size like the institute has to specialize if it is to survive and flourish. As part of this strategy the institute has developed a unique centre in Britain which combines expertise in maritime studies and the law.

Ten years ago the college set up its Centre for Marine Law and Policy which recently provided the focus for the 19th Annual Conference of the Law of the Sea Institute.

The symposium was jointly sponsored by the Cardiff group and the Law of the Sea Institute of the University of Hawaii and provided the first occasion when the conference was held in Britain.

The venue of the meeting is adduced as evidence of the progress and reputation of the UWIST organization and it has provided a further stimulus to its development. As the leading British centre it provides teaching, research and consultancy work over a broad range of marine law and policy issues.

Professor Edward Brown, head of the UWIST law department and director of the centre, says the group developed partly as a result of the search for a legal specialization. "It has certainly given us a niche", says Professor Brown.

"It is very much a joint operation between the two departments and has enriched them both as a consequence."

The whole area of marine law and policy has been the subject of rapid change in recent years with the consequent need for the development of new controls in terms of law and policy. A master's degree course has been evolved based on the joint approach.

There are three important areas of marine law with which the centre concerns itself: international, commercial and coastal.

The international aspect of the legal work has undergone a particularly dynamic and transitional phase. During much of the first 10 years of the centre the third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea has been in session, grappling with the enormous task of revising and developing the law to reflect new technology and other new forces in international relations.

The crucial areas concerning Professor Brown and his colleagues are the problems of maritime boundaries, the establishment of the new 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone and the development of international statutes to regulate seabed mining to ensure that the vast mineral resources under the sea are exploited for the benefit of the whole of mankind.

International maritime law also concerns itself with the prevention and control of pollution and the provision of compensation for damage, and the rules governing the rights of passage through foreign territorial waters and international straits.

Professor Francis Cadwallader is the specialist in commercial maritime law. He and his colleagues have provided postgraduate courses in the carriage of goods by sea, marine insurance, Admiralty law and the law of international trade and transportation.

Close links have been established with a number of United Nations agencies engaged in the development of shipping law. The centre has provided assistance to the shipping legislation division of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on vessel registration and maritime fraud, the incidence of which has increased substantially during the worldwide recession. Further consultation has been provided on the preparation of an Admiralty code for use throughout the world.

Professor Cadwallader has also advised the International Labour Organisation on safety and mariners' rights, a subject of rising concern to the National Union of Seamen and Numast, the ships' officers' union. An increasing proportion of their members are serving on ships sailing under foreign flags.

The third major concern of the legal experts in the centre is a hitherto neglected area: coastal zone law in which John Gibson has conducted some important pioneering work.

Mr Gibson's field of expertise concerns the framework of public and private law governing the use of coastal land and water. New courses on the subject have been introduced this session and there has been a growing demand for advice from such quarters as the Nature Conservancy Council and the Severn Tidal Power Group of engineering companies.

The input of the Department of Maritime Studies is of an interdisciplinary nature and extends far beyond the strict legal framework which is the concern of the lawyers.

Professor John King, who is a master mariner (as are the other two professors in the department), says his section is concerned with what can be done "in and with the sea, rather than studying the sea for its own sake".

Professor King says the department offers a unique combination of interests and disciplines in the British university system and has developed a whole range of contacts throughout the world as a consequence.

The work of Professor King and his colleagues can be divided into two broad areas: transportation, which embraces shipping and ports, and marine resource management.

The research into transportation is carried out by Professor Richard Goss and his assistants in the maritime economics field, particularly in relation to shipping taxation, liner conferences, port pricing and ships' costs. Professor King's contribution in this area is exemplified by his pioneering work in the introduction of information technology to shipping. Marine resource management is a new and growing field of interest and is concerned with the use of marine space. The exploitation of the sea's resources, particularly of oil and gas, has led to a rapid application of new technology and the development of a legal framework in which commercial ventures take place.

Together, these stimuli are providing a climate in which the orderly management of marine space is both feasible and necessary, says Professor King.

Consequently, this has become an important area of work for the centre and one which has led to an expansion of both research and undergraduate teaching under the direction of Professor Alistair Couper.

Around one third of the 200 students in the Maritime Studies Department come from overseas, as would be expected with a section with strong international implications. The staff travel widely on consultancy work.

Departmental staff are also engaged frequently in organizing or contributing to educational and training programmes overseas, particularly in developing countries.

The law department also exists as a separate entity, of course, to which about 60 undergraduates and 30 postgraduates are admitted each year. The figures are not as high as many other law schools, but it enables the maintenance of a friendly and informal atmosphere.

Contact with the 'real world'

The commitment of the Institute of Science and Technology to constant contact with "the real world", and its emphasis on a business-like approach, is illustrated by the company spawned by the Centre for Marine Law and Policy.

Marine Computer and Technical Services Limited is a vehicle through which the centre offers its expertise on a commercial basis. It has developed out of collaborative links with industry, shipping companies, marine equipment manufacturers, the marine service sector and the ports.

The company includes major British and overseas ship operators among its customers, such as Texaco, BP, Exxon and Canadian Pacific.

A major project underway at present is a contract to help install computer information systems on board 19 OCL container ships. The software developed by the company enables each vessel to monitor its own performance and to plan cargo systems efficiently.

Vital 'bridge' for industry

The institute is a strong supporter of the "teaching company" scheme sponsored by the Department of Trade and Industry and the Science and Engineering Research Council.

Each "company" involves a good quality graduate selected by the college who is set to work to find a solution to a technological problem encountered by an industrial firm and follow it through to effective implementation.

The cost of such schemes are presently borne 35 per cent by the Department of Trade, 35 per cent by the research council and 30 per cent by the industrial partner.

Professor Towill believes the system provides "an excellent bridge" with industry in South Wales and Severnside.

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SPECIAL REPORT

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The men who spot the errors

Ultimate control of large, powerful and potentially dangerous industrial plants can be in the hands of one person sitting in front of an array of dials.

Errors by the operator, particularly at nuclear and chemical installations, can have catastrophic effects of an immensity to dwarf the disaster at Flixborough.

The Applied Psychology Department at UWIST is engaged in the crucial task of devising training programmes for control-room personnel to enable them to trace faults with speed and efficiency.

Professor Keith Duncan, who directs the research, emphasizes the importance of versatility in the operator so that he or she is able to diagnose unfamiliar or unforeseen problems.

"A conventional account of how a plant works and the consequences on the control panel of pumps stopping, steam supplies failing and so forth, does little to improve problem-solving," says Professor Duncan.

The first improvement to learning techniques, which resulted in an encouraging enhancement in diagnostic versatility, was by teaching "rules of thumb" which experienced operators in the industry employ. With this method trainees achieved nearly 70 per cent accuracy when required to diagnose failures they had not seen during their training. After experience of a specific training scheme devised by the department, however, the rate of correct diagnosis went up to 90 per cent.

Professor Duncan and his associates worked out an experimental programme which withholds control panel indications until they are sought by the trainee. Instead of a control panel the list of indicators and their readings are provided on request.

In the laboratory studies a computer graphics terminal was used, but in subsequent trials the trainee was simply provided with a pencil and paper. Therefore any information sought by the trainee and the order in which it was sought, ceases to be "private".



New technology: Dr Dylan Jones and Professor Keith Duncan question a student

The laboratory findings were confirmed in a collaborative study with ICI, which proved the efficacy of the training method where information is withheld until sought.

Operators involved in the cyclohexane oxidation process, which achieved notoriety in the Flixborough disaster, received training by the UWIST method. The training programme was carried out by ICI personnel who had been instructed in the procedures by staff in the Applied Psychology department.

Professor Duncan comments: "It is worth noting that, although we were present during all testing, the training scheme was otherwise carried out without any intervention by us – an important point to put to those who question whether 'ivory tower' developments 'travel'."

Impact of technology being studied

Professor Duncan argues that the problem tackled in the department's research are unlikely to remain confined to large capital-intensive installations. The increasing introduction of cheap information processing machines means that similar difficulties will be experienced in other areas of industry and commmerce, he says.

The impact of new technologies on human efficiency and well-being is being studied by Dr Dylan Jones, director of the department's Human Performance Research Group.

The group is currently engaged in the effects on human performance of the introduction of voice input as an additional channel of communication between man and machine.

Dr Jones says: "The human operator may find it easier to learn and deploy spoken commands which consist of words drawn from natural language rather then cryptic key-stroke sequences used by many keyboard-based systems."

He points out that the introduction of speech input releases the hands and eyes to perform other tasks. Although these advantages cannot be fully realized yet by the electronic techniques available, Dr Jones believes that research has to anticipate these technical advances by using simulation to see how the human element can constrain the power of the machine.

The £500,000 project has provided a means of developing a close working relationship with both industry and government. Participants include Smiths Industries, whose primary interest is in civil avionics, and Xionics, whose main concern is in office work stations.

Wales has the answers

By Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales

The creation of closer links between the business community and the universities and other institutes of higher education is an objective to which the Government attaches a high priority because such links can only be of considerable and demonstrable benefit to the academic community and to industry and to the economy as a whole.

This is no less true in Wales than elsewhere since we have in the university colleges, the polytechnic and the Institutes of Higher Education a most valuable resource which can and should increasingly be used to the benefit of the development of the Welsh economy.

There are many roles for the academic institutions to play. They can provide a supply of suitably qualified people trained in the skills that industry and commerce require. They can help businesses by providing technical consultancies. Through such consultancies they can help industry to appraise new products and processes and where appropriate assist individual firms both to develop new products and to use new techniques in manufacturing processes.

I am pleased to say that the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology has played an important part in such activities and the development of the Automation and Robotics Centre will now take UWIST's commitment in its field a stage further. In conjuction with South Glamorgan County Council the Welsh Office has been able to support the development of the Automation and Robotics Centre with an urban programme grant of £246,000 over two years.

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Nicholas Edwards: 'A benefit to the Welsh economy'

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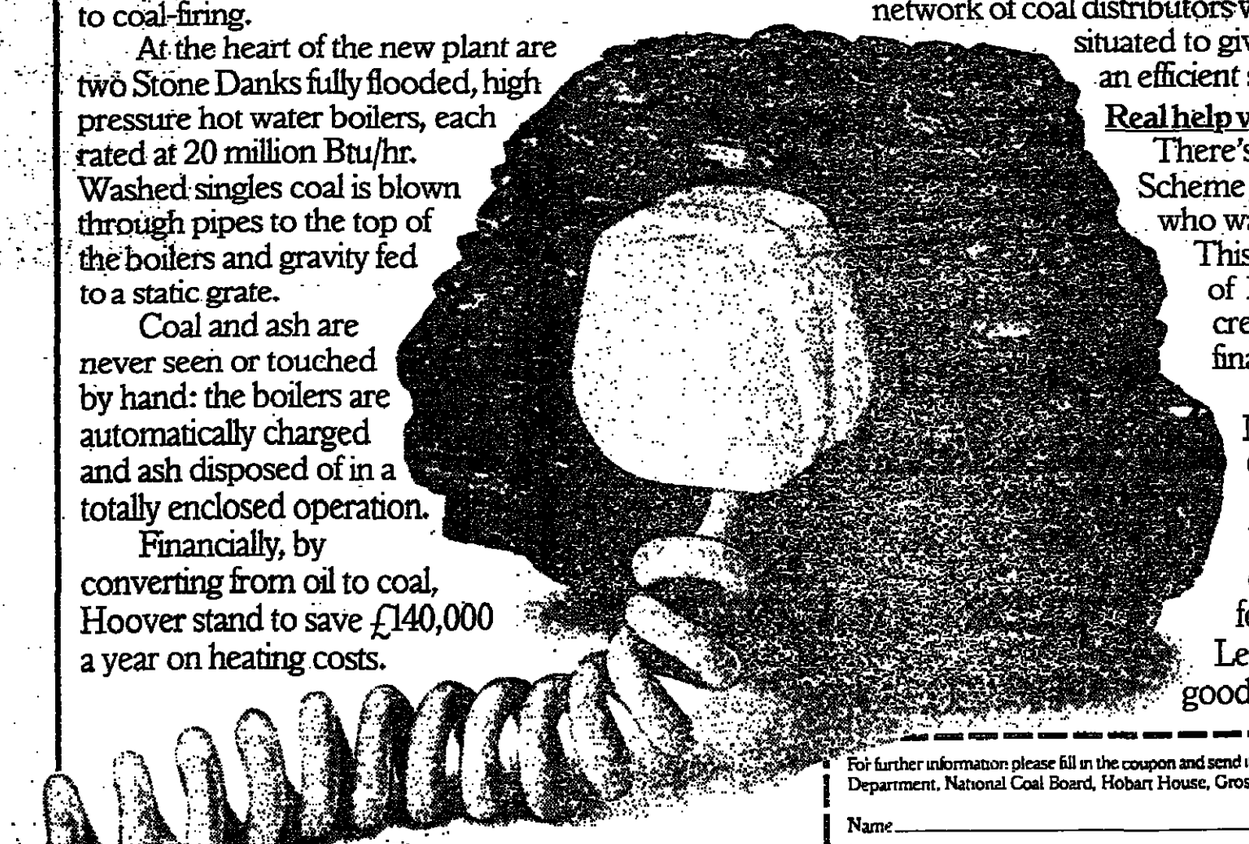
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SPECIAL REPORT

How off-peak power warmed the choristers

In the Middle Ages when the choristers of Lincoln Cathedral felt the cold, small boys scuttling along subterranean passages would place hot bricks under their bottoms.

In recent times the supply of small boys has dried up and the problem of keeping the choir warm was presented to Professor Patrick O'Sullivan, head of the Welsh School of Architecture.

Professor O'Sullivan and his colleagues substituted the prosaic for the comical by introducing off-peak electricity. And in such a manner that the priceless wooden benches on which the choristers sit are not in danger of warping or cracking.

Such a venture belies Professor O'Sullivan's professional philosophy which he sums up as the "importance of the ordinary". Most people regard buildings as unexciting because they live and work in them. "but that's precisely what makes them important", he says.

The school of architecture seems to have derived as much satisfaction out of designing low energy advance factories for the Welsh Development Agency – "the most replicated building in Britain outside housing" – as they have from the installation of new lighting in St Georges Chapel at Windsor so that people could see the building to its best effect.

Professor O'Sullivan is keen to emphasize the school's insistence on solving practical problems. Contacts with outside agencies form a considerable proportion of the work of senior academics.

The difficulties experienced by those responsible for the building and maintenance of buildings are presented to the school's team of 25 researchers. Their solution to the query is then fed back into "the real world" and the progress of their solutions monitored. Professor O'Sullivan characterizes the approach as a never-ending cycle in which the university and the world outside is enriched by constant contact.

The school works with four kinds of outside agency: professional architects, industry, developers and financiers.

The research team is currently advising on the design of a low energy hospital near Ryde on the Isle of White in which the layout of the structure will seek to minimize the amount of heating required. Wards are to be built adjacent to the high technology area of the hospital where much of the medical electronic equipment is used. The idea is that the heat generated in the high technology area is used to supplement the heat required in the wards.

Contact with architects is also kept up through the mid-career courses run by the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology (UWIST). The emphasis is not on lectures in the history of architecture, but on entirely practical subjects such as the movement of air and the distribution of heat in structures, information on the latest building regulations and reminders on the laws of acoustics.

Close liaison with property developers from the Welsh Development Agency to the High Street store companies have also served to enrich the academic and pragmatic mix.

"Put bright people together and all sorts of things can happen", says Professor O'Sullivan." The project at hand is the excuse and what comes out of it can be very exciting indeed.

"We're in the business of fitting things together – theory and practice, and a whole range of disciplines such as physics, engineering and sociology. In the end we try and come up with a better quality of life – and in industry, increased productivity as well".

The school operates a "building clinic" which diagnoses and treats "sick" buildings. Sometimes the buildings are so sick that those responsible for them end up in court. But it is the school's policy never to give evidence against professionals.

A whole new area of litigation could be opened up by a recent ruling in the High Court which declared condensation "a statutory nuisance". Cardiff City Council has asked the school to advise them in a possible test case.

The constant fight against campus introversion has led Professor O'Sullivan into some widely different situations. Last summer he spent much of his time on the official inquiry into the outbreak of Legionnaire's Disease at Stratford Hospital. His expertise on the use of energy in buildings and his consequent knowledge of air flows made his contribution invaluable. The disease is thought to be spread through ventilation systems.

His knowledge of such matters has also taken him to the Royal Academy where instead of introducing a new and expensive air conditioning to keep the pictures at a constant temperature, Professor O'Sullivan resurrected the Victorian heating and ventilation system.

Professor O'Sullivan, with his theoritician, Dr Peter Lewis, have carved out another world-wide reputation for UWIST in a highly specialized area.



Professor Patrick O'Sullivan: The ordinary is important

It would be both inappropriate and unwise to drink one of Professor Ronald Edwards' "cocktails". For when the professor refers to what, under normal circumstances, might be thought of as a beverage, in fact he is talking about "bug cocktails".

Professor Edwards' applied biology department at the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology, is evolving mixtures of microbes with an inordinate capacity for the consumption of toxic chemicals.

The research is part of the highly practical approach to biology favoured by the department's 15 academics and 40 research staff.

"Every member of the staff gets involved with society's activities," says Professor Edwards, who holds the chair in applied ecology.

In fact, the department has three part-time professors who spend differing proportions of their working lives on external duties.

Professor Howard Slater is United Kingdom research director for Biotechnica, an American company, and Professor Ray Beverton acts as an international consultant on fisheries.

"This close relationship with both private and public industry pervades the department's many research and teaching activities," says Professor Edwards.

A cocktail not for drinking

The department's research activities are largely concerned with two broad and overlapping areas: hydrobiology and fisheries, and applied microbiology.

One area of major interest in the sphere of hydrobiology and fisheries is the study of acid rain. It is a problem which not only afflicts continental Europe to the west of Britain, but causes considerable damage in the streams and rivers of Wales.

Professor Edwards supervises a specialist "acid waters" team which contributes with the Welsh Water Authority, the Natural Environment Research Council, the Forestry Commission and other colleges of the university, to a study of the causes of stream acidification. The work has been supported by the Department of the Environment and the Welsh Office.

The problem is not simply one of acid rain. Another contributor to the phenomenon is the afforestation of around 20 per cent of upland Wales with conifers, and such trees result in soil acidification. The process is further aggravated by the massive reduction in agricultural liming over the last 20 years in Wales which hitherto gave the earth considerable doses of alkali.

The study therefore also concentrates on land use, and changes in management will be tried in order to minimize the damage to streams and fisheries. The changes include the reintroduction of liming, land improvement and various methods of tree planting or forest clearance in small river catchment areas.

The head of the UWIST acid rain team, Steve Ormerod, has introduced experimental doses of acidity in some areas which led to fish and other waterborne organisms simply leaving the affected area for less damaging environments downstream.

Together with the Royal Society of the Protection of Birds, Mr Ormerod has studied the affects of acidity on riverine bird life. It has been shown that dippers in particular have disappeared from the affected rivers in mid-Wales, probably because of the loss of aquatic insects on which the birds feed.

The department has also concerned itself with producing ecologically sound methods of pest control, and collaborative study is underway for controlling the flies which commonly emerge from sewage filters and sometimes swarm to nearby houses.

New attack on cancer

Dr Paul Nicholls, of the Welsh School of Pharmacy, has discovered a series of synthetic drugs which may be used to suppress the development of some forms of cancer.

Dr Nicholls found that the substances inhibited the effects of the body's natural steroids which contributed to cancerous growth. The work, supported by the Cancer Research Campaign, could be of particular use in carcinoma of the breast.

The work of Dr Nicholls and other specialists at the University of Wales Institute for Science and Technology (UWIST) have contributed to the high reputation of the school, which is the biggest single department in the institute with more than 30 academic staff and 280 students.

Professor Paul Spencer, who holds the chair in pharmacology and is head of the school, believes that students and staff need to work in a "research-orientated" environment.

"An early and substantial acquaintance with the processes of change and development is as important to the aspiring student pharmacist as it is to the dedicated researcher." he says.

Nearly a quarter of the students are postgraduates working for higher degrees. The standards achieved result in 1,400 applications every year for the 60 undergraduate places available.

Expertise in the especially broad range of disciplines involved in the pharmaceutical sciences have been concentrated on three main research programmes: "targeting" drugs on the appropriate part of the body in the correct amounts, the investigation of the skin both as a recipient of medication and a route to other target organs, and a study of how new drugs work.

Two examples of research in the targeting of drugs are the study of the distribution of anti-inflammatory preparations to the actual site of rheumatoid disease; and the restriction of drugs to the lungs in the treatment of asthmatic or infectious conditions.

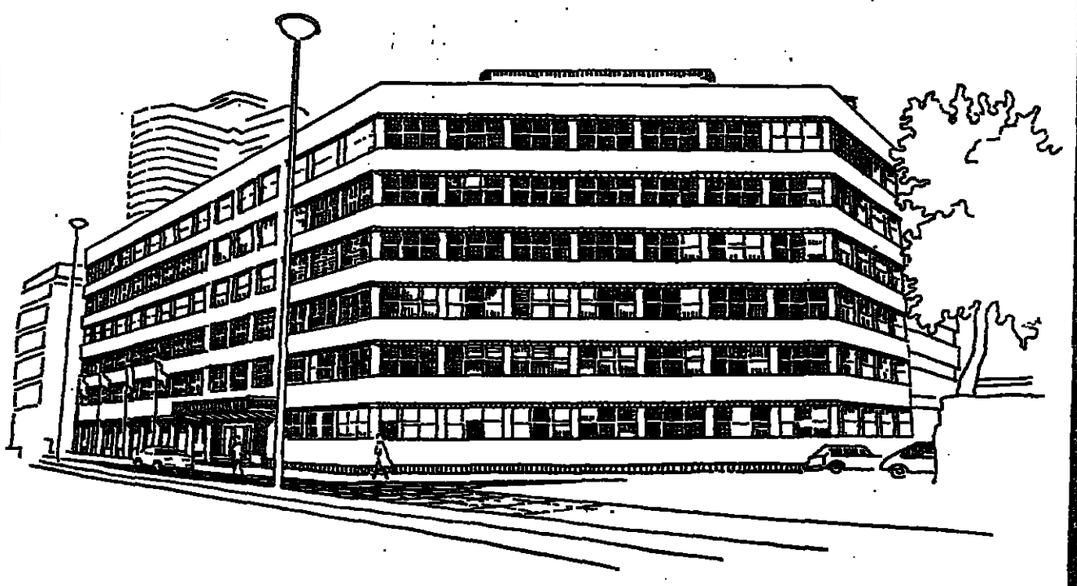
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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Thatcher's sales target soars to £5 billion

Unless there is some dramatic drop in stock market prices, the privatization programme for 1986-87 underlined in the Queen's Speech yesterday will provide the Treasury with a useful cushion of what its arcane accounting system terms negative public spending. Previous published programmes called for only £2.2 billion of asset sales in the coming year. The autumn statement next Tuesday is expected to update that substantially. Given a margin for restructuring, pension problems and the odd candidate falling by the wayside, the present schedule could readily raise £5 billion for the Treasury in 1986-87.

The solid platform for that is the £1.2 billion final tranche of money from British Telecom shareholders. The star of the show will undoubtedly be British Gas.

Preliminary valuations of the gas utility range anywhere from £6 billion to £10 billion. Much will depend on market conditions, the treatment of the gas levy, and the bite of regulatory restrictions put on BG's monopoly in the privatization Bill, expected soon. Even more important in the reckoning is the sheer size of the issue. It will have to be marketed to the wider public in a manner similar to British Telecom: that will require attractive pricing. The marketing is likely to be in tranches spread over three years.

Even so, the first tranche of British Gas, due next autumn, should raise at least £2.5 billion for the Government. British Airways is the other firm candidate (pencilled in for May). For BA, estimates of the net Treasury take after refinancing have been rising steadily with the airline's strong profit and cash flow. A marketing at £1.1 or £1.2 billion could be worth nearly £900 million net for the Chancellor. The other main candidates, the British Airports Authority (September ?) and the Royal Ordnance Factories, are not so certain for next year.

Legislation to privatize BAA will take second place to British Gas and the airports could lose their place in a crowded queue. Problems at ROF revolve more round whether it would be attractive enough to investors yet. Selling BAA should neatly make up a £5 billion overall total, but if BAA has to wait, there are more shares in British Petroleum to play the topping up role filled by Cable and Wireless this time.

What this empasizes is that is plenty more in the Government's "heirlooms for sale" cupboard. British Gas will still provide heavily in future years. The water, coal and electricity industries were not even mentioned in the Queen's Speech.

The other side of this coin is that the accelaration pace of privatization will have a greater impact on the stock market than even British Telecom. And raising that sort of money by selling shares can be expected to have a far greater proportionate impact on the equity market than similar sums raised through gilt-edged might have on the market for loans.

Quite apart from the state asset sale programme, the equity market will have to absorb the flotation of the TSB and of the Wellcome pharmaceutical group in the spring.

So there should be some wonderful City profits in advance of the big bang next autumn. But the public, institutions and foreign investors will all be needed in large measure if share prices are to take the strain.

The lure of the jungle

There are two grave concerns in the City. One is immediate: the ripples from the International Tin Council's £600 million debts which, unless contained, may become waves that would waterlog, if not drown, the London Metal Exchange.

The other focused on next year when financial deregulation will bear down on the weak, the uncompetitive and the unprepared. No-one dares predict how long the jungle warfare, already under way, will last but when the premium on success is already so great, the costs of failure will be chilling the bones.

The latest establishment figure to be lured to other, and in this case, brasher surroundings, is Michael Bentley, the respected head of corporate finance at Schroders. He is moving to Electra Investment Trust, where he starts in January as joint deputy chairman, sharing the chief executive's role with Electra's life force Michael Stoddart. Come June, he will have the chief executive's office to himself.

Mr Bentley is possessed of a fashionable expertise – he knows all about management buy-outs and has recently set up Schroders in this business. Electra, with its history of backing unquoted companies, is more committed to the idea. With £250 million of funds almost in place for a renewed blitz on buy-outs, Electra offers Michael Bentley an irresistibly tantalising and highly rewarding opportunity to back his judgment.

For the time being, some of his other corporate finance skills will be put on ice. Electra will be syndicating some of the bigger investment opportunities it finds but it does not want to upset the sensibilities of brokers and bankers by launching them on the Stock Market unaided. Electra insists that it remains a simple investment trust; only a blinkered banker would believe that the ambitions of Stoddart and Bentley stop there. The scope for glittering fortune hunting with the financial services in flux is vast.

Financial rewards in the City have always been high; they are now moving toward the stratospheric as banks, brokers and amalgams of both bid for bbuy and seek to protect the talent they need to operate in freer and more international securities markets.

To take one recent example from a much lower category than Schroders-Electric: a dealer, not considered by his previous employers in the first or even the second rank has been lured away withh a tripled salary, £85,000, a capital sum and a quarter share in the profits of the "book" he will run for his new firm. In all his package is estimated to be worth £2 million.

He may or may not prove to be worth it. What is indisputable is that only leading firms with substantial financial resources could sustain individual let alone team failures of such magnitude.

The drive to buy talent wherever it can be bought is now where near its peak. Already it has led to salaries for new recruits in at least one major bank that are actually higher than the salary of the group chief executive. Such a pay structure is laying up trouble for the future – a point that a thinking bank like Lloyds, which rather than buy a broking firm is said to be prepared to spend £20 million on recruiting individuals, will no doubt have considered.

In this Californian gold rush atmosphere a conference was inevitable. "Hiring & Rewarding in the Financial Sector", organized by the Institute for International Research for December 12 and 13 takes as its starting point the "mad scrable . . . to seek out, attract and retain individuals or teams, who through their skills or contacts can promise the survival of thhe fittest after deregulation." As the handout rightly says: "To get it wrong could prove tobe a costly mistake."

Bank confirms JMB sell-off but keeps its options open

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The Bank of England yesterday announced its intention to sell off Johnson Matthey Bankers, the international bank and bullion dealer it saved from collapse last year.

The Bank would like to sell JMB as a single unit, except for a small insurance broking operation, but would consider splitting the bullion dealing and banking operations if necessary.

No price tag is being put on the bank at this stage but the Bank of England is expecting to recover most of the £150 million it and other City banks put up towards the rescue of JMB. The first £100 million from the sale will go to the Bank of England to cover its contributions to the rescue.

The sale announcement showed that the bad loans which caused JMB's near-collapse had nearly been sorted out. Bank of England officials said. JMB would be sold with full provisions made for all bad debt.

As part of the rescue arrangement, the Bank of England bought JMB for a nominal £1 after £230 million of JMB's £450 million loan book was found to be bad debt.

Baring Brothers, the merchant bank handling the sale, is contacting around 40 institutions which have expressed interest in buying JMB since the Bank of England's rescue. All those who sign a confidentiality agreement will be sent an information memorandum now being prepared by Baring Brothers.

The memorandum will include JMB's accounts for the 15 months to June 1985 which will be completed before the end of this month. At this stage no details of JMB's clients or bullion-dealing profits will be made available.

Mr Charles Irby, a director of Baring Brothers, said: "It will be a very time-consuming process. More information will gradually be made available to potential buyers as negotiations continue. We are hoping for the sale to be completed within three or four months."

Most of the institutions which have shown an interest in JMB are well known foreign banks, though UK banks are also interested. A small number are not banks but firms already involved in the financial services sector.

The main attraction of JMB was its bullion-dealing side which offers the buyer a rare opportunity to acquire membership of the London bullion market. Mr Irby said. JMB is one of only five dealers participating in the twice-daily London gold price fixing. He added that JMB's bullion operation had traded profitably over the last year despite the rest of the bank's problems.

The Bank of England will look as carefully at the suitability of potential buyers of JMB as at the price they offer. If a suitable buyer for the whole bank cannot be found, the Bank of England would consider selling the bullion operation on its own.

It would probably then have to retain JMB's loan book and run this off over a period of years, though this would be inconvenient and time consuming.

● JMB announced yesterday that its wholly-owned subsidiary in Singapore, Johnson Matthey Commodities Singapore, had closed



Eddie Kulukundis: top of external members' poll

3,000 new names join Lloyd's

By Alison Eadie

Lloyd's, the insurance market, is set to increase its capacity to underwrite business next year by 30 per cent to £8.6 billion, against £6.6 billion this year.

The number of names joining will exceed 3,000 taking the total membership of around 29,000. Two thirds of the capacity increase will come from existing names, increasing their underwriting the chairman of Lloyd's, Mr Peter Miller, said at yesterday's general meeting.

The increase in capacity will be nearer 40 per cent in dollar terms, assuming prevailing rates are maintained, due to the fall in the value of the dollar. Last year a 25 per cent increase in sterling capacity was knocked down to nearer 5 per cent due to sterling's depreciation. Lloyd's writes over 70 per cent of its business in dollars.

Mr Miller also announced the results of elections to Lloyd's ruling council. He was re-elected by a comfortable margin. The other working members elected were Mr Gordon Hutton, Mr Dick Hazell and Mr John Greig.

Top of the poll of external members was Mr Eddie Kulukundis, the shipbroker and theatrical impresario who is married to Miss Susan Hampshire, the actress.

Mr Kulukundis was a council member previously and retired by rotation. Mr John de Courcy Ling, an MEP, was the other external name elected. Mr Harold Woolf, founder of the Underwoods chemist chain, came fourth in the election of external names, polling 2,057 votes against Mr de Courcy Ling's 2,254.

In his address, Mr Miller referred to the sea-change in underwriting philosophy. The disappearance of cheap reinsurance meant "our underwriters must underwrite in the true sense of the word, by getting the right premium for the much larger net lines they will have to retain".

Death of tin market feared as ITC adjourns again

By Michael Prest, Financial Correspondent

Pressure on the London Metal Exchange to resolve the tin crisis intensified yesterday as the International Tin Council postponed making a solution for the second time.

The ITC meeting will continue today. But despite plea from Mr Jacques Lion, chairman of the LME board, to Mr Peter Lai, the ITC chairman, for a swift resolution, the ITC will adjourn for another week.

It is now two weeks since the crisis broke when the ITC buffer stock manager Mr Pieter de Koning, told the LME that he had run out of cash and would have to suspend price support operations.

Mr Lion's family firm of Phillip and Lion is short to the tin market on behalf of clients, not short to the buffer stock as reported yesterday.

In his letter to Mr Lai, Mr Lion gave a warning that time is of the essence.

He said: "You must understand that some members are seriously suggesting that immediate consideration must be given to the complete and permanent closure of the tin market in London. I have to tell you that I find it increasingly difficult to resist this pressure."

The LME board and committee are due to meet today to discuss the mechanics of how tin trading might be resumed. Setting limits to the daily price movement and having s special trading ring for tin are among the ideas proposed.

Last night, Mr Michael Brown, the LME's chief executive, confirmed that the board and committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow will debate whether to resume tin trading, continue the suspension, or abolish the tin contracts altogether.

Pressure on the LME to act without a lead from the ITC, which owes tin traders about £600 million, or from its 23 member governments, grew when two Malaysian tin smelters said they would start selling tin today at a price equivalent to £6,800 a tonne in London. Tin trading was suspended at just over £8,000 a tonne.

IBM chief sees better days ahead

By Jeremy Warner, Business Correspondent

The outlook for IBM, the world's largest computer manufacturer, is looking up after a year of sluggish growth, Mr John Akers, the company's chief executive, told analysts near Glasgow, in Greenock, yesterday.

"We have a number of things going for us in 1986," Mr Akers said. An ordering pause, while customers decided whether to replace their old IBM 3080X computers with the new 3090-200 models, was now over and the volume of shipments of the new model picked up considerably in September.

A strengthening of the company's product range was also helping the outlook and IBM's relatively new interest in telecommunications was enabling it to increase its efforts in integrated office systems.

IBM's capital spending over the next five years is expected to exceed the $32 billion of the last five.

Mr Akers said: "Our industry has always been driven by scientific and technological progress, by dramatic improvements in price performance and by the development of new products. I am convinced these same forces will continue to drive our industry in the years ahead".

IN BRIEF

Beazer buys G.E. Wallis

C Beazer, the fast growing Bath housebuilder and contractor, has made an agreed £8.6 million bid for G E Wallis & Sons, a private conracting company in London.

Acceptances have been received for 25 per cent of the ordinary and 7.7 per cent of the preference shares.

Beazer sees the acquisition as a good opportunity to extend its contracting activities into central London, South-east England and South Wales. Its contracting business is concentrated in the Midlands

Wallis made pretax profits in the year to March 31, of £407,000, down from £799,000 the previous year, on turnover 4.6 per cent higher at £47.6 million.

Beazer is offering 431p of 8½ per cent convertible unsecured loan stock 2000 for each Wallis ordinary share and 100p cash for each preference share.

US listing

Philips, the Dutch electronics company, is to seek a listing for its shares in the US by offering about 80 million shares to the public. The group has reported net income of 175 million florins (£41 million) for its third quarter, down from Fl 241 million. Tempus, page 23

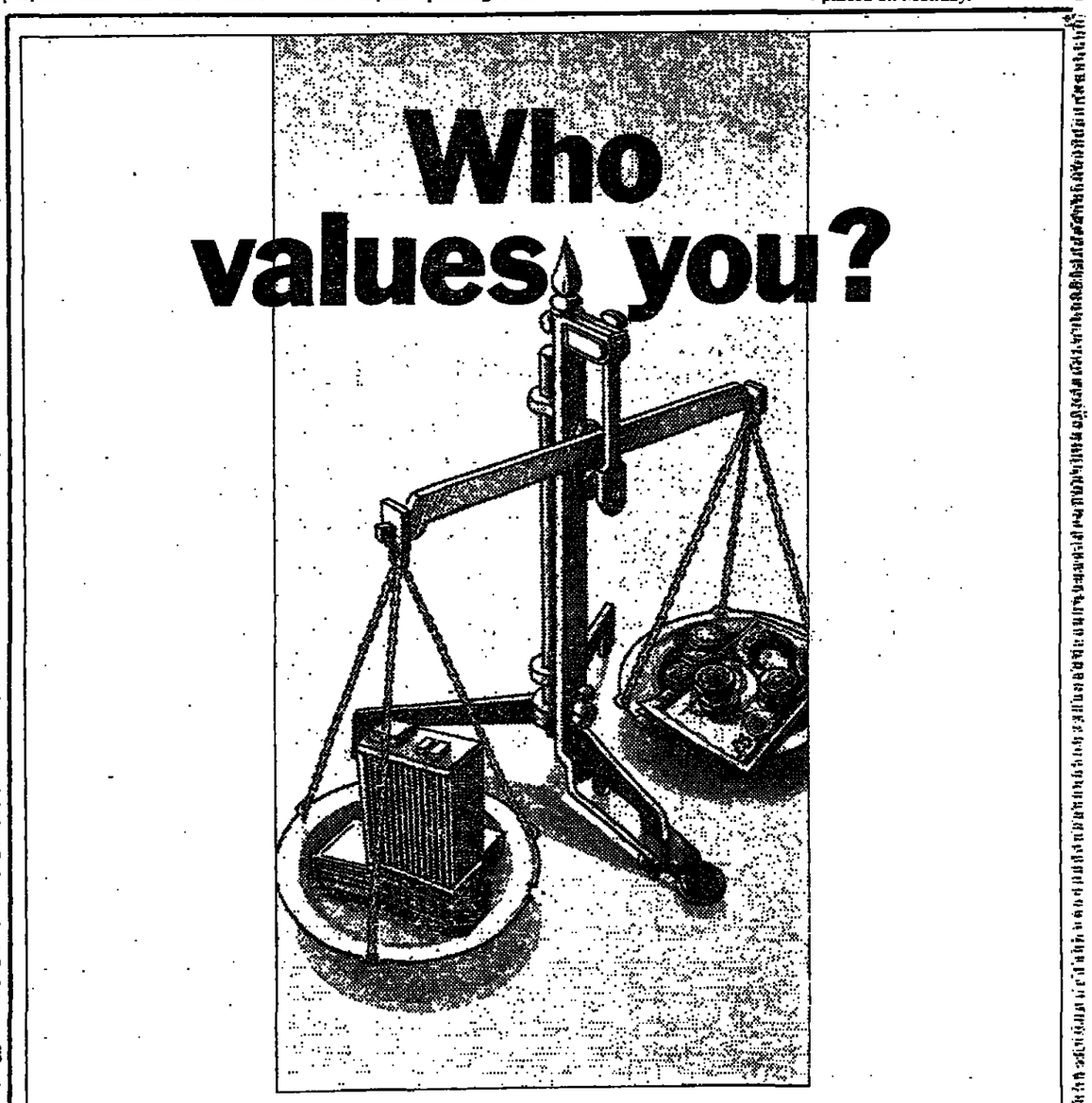
Mr Merlyn Rees, the former Labour Home Secretary, has written to Mr Leon Brittan the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, to ask that the £1.8 billion takeover bid for Allied Breweries by Elders IXL should be examined by the Office of Fair Trading. He believes that it raises questions of public interest.

Bid extended

The £14 million bid by James Neill Holdings for Spear and Jackson, the garden tools company, has been extended until November 19. At the first closing date the offer had won acceptances of just over 1 per cent. Buying in the market by the merchant bank, Hill Samuel, on behalf of Neil has lifted the total to just under 3 per cent.

Tokyo offer

The American company Trafalgar Holdings said it and Glen International Financial Service of London, are going ahead with plans for a possible tender offer for Minebea of Japan although the deadline for Minebea to accept a $1.43 billion (£1 billion) merger bid passed on Monday.



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OECD head hits at amateurs

By Sarah Hogg, Economics Editor

"Do-it-yourself economics" are widespread and influential in government, this year's Reith lecturer complained in the first of his talks on BBC Radio last night.

Mr David Henderson, the head of economics at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and a former economic adviser in the Treasury, criticizes civil servants and politicians for making amateur economic judgements about policy.

Mr Henderson, a 58-year-old Scot with a long career in national and international government institutions, takes issue with Keynes's famous dictum that practical politicians "are usually the slaves of some defunct economist" and that "the world is ruled by little else" than "the ideas of economists and political philosophers".

He is using his Reith lectures, which he has entitled *Innocence and Design: The influence of economic ideas on policy*, to argue that it is the intuitive ideas of politicians or officials, rather than the opinions of professional economists, that have dominated policy-making.

In his first lecture, Mr Henderson describes the "do-it-yourself economics of 1985" as essentially "pre-economic".

Verdict in Hanson action may be imminent

From Michael Graham, New York

The New York court hearing Hanson Trust's suit against its takeover target, SCM, finished taking evidence yesterday, and a decision is expected before the end of the week.

The suit seeks a preliminary injunction against SCM's selling two of its companies to Merrill Lynch. Judge Shirley Kram, at Manhattan's southern district court, said that she would make a decision over the next few days and would perhaps deliver a verdict before the end of the week.

An appeal is expected by whoever loses. Both sides have agreed not to take any further action in the takeover within 48 hours of the judge's decision, allowing time for an appeal

Pleasurama sells hotel

Pleasurama, the casino operator, is selling the Runnymede Hotel, in Surrey, for £9.5 million cash to a family trust. The price is well above the £4.9 million book value of the 122-bedroomed hotel.

The British-based family trust, which has not been named, made the approach to Pleasurama and the sale does not signify a change in policy for the company.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	1081.3 (+7.8)
FT All Share	678.20 (+3.57)
FT Govt Securities	83.70 (–0.17)
FT-SE 100	1395.0 (+11.3)
Bargains	25,882
Datastream USM	108.71 (–0.29)
New York	
Dow Jones	1395.40 (–1.27)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	12892.40 (+71.71)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1700.76 (+8.05)
Amsterdam:	233.0 (+4.0)
Sydney: AO	1005.7 (–8.9)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1769.2 (+29.5)
Brussels:	
General	815.66 (–15.82)
Paris: CAC	225.0 (+0.8)
Zurich:	
SKA General	446.40 (–)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $324.75pm–$324.40
close $324.50–325.00–
$225.75–226.25.
New York:
Comex (Latest) $324.45.

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Monument Oil	16p +3p
Central & Swood	7.50p +1p
Cifer	7p +8p
Bailey (C.H.)	23.75p +2.50p
Pengkalen	225p +25p
Spencer Clark	78p +8p
Gomme Holdings	63p +6p
Select TV	11p +1p
Reed Austin	235p +20p
Channel Tunnel	190p +15p
Transwood Group	13p +1p
Plessey	140p +10p
Racal Electronic	140p +10p
Bio-Isolates	28p +2p
Dixon (David)	215p +15p
Micro Focus	150p +10p
Cluff Oil	30p +2p
Marshall (Lxly) "A"	78p +5p
Stewart Naim	17p +1p
SI Group	17p +1p

FALLS:

ICC Oil Service	9.50p –3p
Compsoft	53p –15p
Microlease	160p –23p
Mumton Bros	8p –1p
Weeks Associates	18p –2p
Aldcom Intl	62p –6p

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.4365 (+0.0020)
£: DM3.7359(–0.0108)
£: SwFr3.0763(–0.0090)
£: FFr11.3804(–0.0375)
£: Yen295.08(–2.69)
£ Index: 80.0(–0.3)
New York:
£: $1.4375
$: DM2.5980)
$ Index: 129.1(+0.1)
ECU £0.590801
SDR £0.748704

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 11½%
3-month Interbank 11²¹/₃₂–11¹⁵/₃₂%
3-month eligible bills –
buying rate 11⁹/₁₆–11⁵/₃₂
US:
Prime Rate 9.50%
Federal Funds 8½%
3-month Treasury Bills 7.25–7.23%
30-year bond price 104⁷/₁₆–104¹⁵/₃₂

WALL STREET

	Nov 5	Nov 4
AMR	39½	39½
ASA	33⅝	32¾
Allied Signal	44½	44¼
Allied Stores	58⅝	58¾
Allis Chalmers	3⅝	4
Alcoa	33	32½
Amax Inc	10⅝	11
Amerada Hess	29½	29⅝
Am Brands	57¼	57½
Am Broadcast	118½	116½
Am Can	58⅜	59¼
Am Cyanamid	52⅝	53⅜
Am Elec Power	22¾	22¾
Am Express	45⅝	45¼
Am Home	59½	57½
Am Hospital	46⅞	46⅝
Am Motors	2⅝	2⅝
Am Standard	30¾	30
Am Telephone	21½	21½
Amoco	66⅝	66⅝
Amoco Steel	8⅝	9⅝
Asarco	16½	16½
Ashland Oil	36	36
Atlntic Richfield	64⅝	65
Avon Products	29⅝	26⅞
Bankers Tst NY	64⅝	63¾
Bankamerica	14½	14¾
Bank of Boston	53⅜	53⅜
Bank of NY	44⅝	44½
Beatrice Foods	43¾	43⅝
Bethlehem Steel	13½	13
Boeing	46⅝	45⅞
Boise Cascade	41½	41⅝
Borden	42	41⅝
Borg Warner	21½	21⅝
Bristol Myers	61½	58⅝
BP	32⅝	32⅝
Burlington Ind	30	29½
Burlington Nthn	65½	65⅝
Burroughs	57¾	58½
Campbell Soup	42½	42⅝
Canadian Pacific	12	11⅞
Caterpillar	36¼	36½
Celanese	131½	129½
Central SW	25½	25½
Champion	22½	22½
Chase Manhat	35⅝	35⅝
Chem Bank NY	39½	39½
Chevron	38	38⅝
Chrysler	41½	40
Citicorp	44¼	43⅞
Clark Equip	26⅝	26⅝
Coca Cola	74⅝	72½
Colgate	29⅝	28¾
CBS	119½	118¾
Columbia Gas	38⅝	37½
Combustion Eng	27⅜	27¼
Comwlth Edison	29⅝	28½
Cons Edison	34¾	34¾
Cons Nat Gas	42	42
Cons Power	7½	7½
Control Data	17¾	17½
Corning Glass	52⅝	52½
CPC Intl	48¼	48
Crane	36⅝	36
Crown Zeller	40	39½
Dart & Kraft	39⅝	39½
Deere	25	24⅝
Delta Air	39⅝	38½
Detroit Edison	15½	14½
Digital Equip	117½	115½
Disney	92⅜	91½
Dow Chemical	38⅝	36¾
Dresser Ind	18½	18¾
Duke Power	33½	33½
Du Pont	61⅝	62¼
Eastern Air	6⅞	6⅞
Eastman Kodak	44½	43¾
Eaton Corp	56⅞	56⅝
Emerson Elect	69⅝	69⅝
Evans Prod	1½	1½

	Nov 5	Nov 4
Exxon Corp	53½	55½
Fed Dept Stores	66⅝	65
Firestone	18⅝	18⅝
Fst Chicago	24½	24½
Fst Intrst Bncp	48¾	48¾
Fst Penn Corp	6⅝	6½
Ford	48¼	47¼
GAF Corp	39½	39½
GTE Corp	41¼	40⅝
Gen Corp	61⅜	54½
Gen Dynamics	64	62⅝
Gen Electric	61	60
Gen Inst	14½	14½
Gen Mills	64⅜	57½
Gen Motors	69¼	67⅝
Gen Pub Util NY	15⅞	16
Genesco	3½	3½
Georgia Pacific	22	21½
Gillette	66½	66¾
Goodrich	31½	31½
Goodyear	25⅞	25⅝
Gould Inc	33¾	33½
Grace	37⅝	37⅝
Gt Attic & Pacific	18	18½
Greyhound	28½	28½
Grumman Corp	30⅝	29⅞
Gulf & West	43⅝	44⅜
Heinz H. J.	29⅝	28½
Hercules	38⅝	36½
Hewlett-Pkrd	30⅞	30½
Honeywell	62⅝	62½
IC Inds	35⅞	36½
Ingersoll	53	52½
Inland Steel	23	21½
IBM	133⅜	132⅝
Int Harvestar	7½	7½
INCO	11	11
Int Paper	46⅜	45½
Int Tel Tel	34½	33½
Irving Bank	39½	39¼
Jim Walter	39½	39⅝
Johnson & John	47½	47½
Kaiser Alumin	14¾	14⅝
Kerr McGee	32⅝	32
Kimberly Clark	59½	59⅝
K Mart	32½	32⅝
Kroger	48¼	45½
L.T.V. Corp	6	6
Litton	82	83
Lockheed	48½	45⅞
Lucky Stores	23⅝	23⅞
Manuf Hanover	39½	40
Manville Cp	5⅞	5⅝
Marco	35½	34⅝
Marine Midland	34½	34⅝
Martin Marietta	33	32⅝
Masco	34½	33⅝
McDonnell	67	65⅝
Mead	38½	37½
Merck	119½	120
Minnesota Mng	79¾	79½
Mobil Oil	30⅝	31½
Monsanto	45	44½
Morgan J. P.	53⅞	53⅝
Motorola	31½	31
NCR Corp	38	35⅞
NL Industries	12⅝	12⅝
Nat Distillers	32½	33
Nat Med Ent	20½	20½
Nat Semicndctr	10½	10½
Norfolk South	72⅝	72½
NW Bancorp	25½	24⅝
Occidental Pet	34½	33½
Ogden	31½	31½
Olin Corp	35¾	35½
Owens-Illinois	52	50⅝
Pacific Gas Elec	18⅝	18½
Pan Am	8½	8⅝
Penney J. C.	48½	48⅝
Pennzoil	47¾	47
Pepsco	65¼	64⅝

	Nov 5	Nov 4
Pfizer	48¾	47½
Phelps Dodge	19⅝	19¾
Philip Morris	73½	72⅝
Phillips Petrol	13½	12⅝
Pictsnold	37½	37⅝
PPG Ind	48⅝	47½
Procter Gamble	69⅝	64½
Pub Ser El & Gas	28⅝	28½
Raytheon	45½	45⅝
RCA Corp	48⅝	47½
Reynolds Ind	25½	24½
Reynolds Metal	31½	31¼
Rockwell Int	34	34½
Royal Dutch	65¾	63½
Safeways	35⅝	35
Sara Lee	48⅝	48¼
SPE Sopac	32⅝	32
SCM	73¼	73¼
Schlumberger	34½	34⅝
Scott Paper	44½	44⅜
Seagram	43¾	43
Sears Roebuck	34⅝	34½
Shell Trans	39½	39⅝
Singer	38	37
Smithkline Beck	69½	69
Sony	18	18¼
Sth Cal Edison	25½	25
Sperry Corp	47¾	47
Std Oil Ohio	51⅝	51¼
Sterling Drug	36½	36⅝
Stevens J. P.	26⅝	26
Sun Comp	61¼	61½
Teledyne	268½	259⅝
Tambaco	38⅝	37¾
Texaco	38½	38⅝
Texas East Corp	36⅝	36
Texas Inst	90½	89½
Texas Utilities	28½	28⅝
Textron	49¼	48⅞
Travelers Corp	46	45⅞
TRW Inc	60½	60¼
UAL Inc	48⅞	48⅝
Unilever NV	122	71
Union Carbide	59⅝	59⅝
Un Pacific Corp	49⅝	49¼
United Brands	23½	23
US Steel	25⅝	26¼
Utd Technol	39⅝	39½
Unocal	29½	29⅝
Wachovia	32⅝	32⅝
Warner Lambert	38	37⅝
Wells Fargo	56⅝	56
Westinghse Elec	42¾	42¾
Weyerhauser	28	27
Whirlpool	46	45
Woolworth	52½	52
Xerox Corp	52⅝	52⅝
Zenith	17⅜	16⅞

CANADIAN PRICES

Abitbi	17¾	17½
Alcan Alumin	34½	33¾
Algoma Steel	18½	18½
Bell Telephone	42½	42½
Can Pacific	16½	16⅝
Cominco	11¾	11½
Cons Bathurst	16	16
Gulf Oil	20⅝	20⅝
Hawker/Sid Can	21¾	21½
Hudson Bay Min	6½	6½
Imasco	24½	24
Imperial Oil	50⅝	50½
Int Pipe	44¼	44½
Masc.-Fergan	3.10	3.15
Royal Trustco	21	21½
Seagram	58⅝	61
Steel Co	20⅜	20½
Thomson N 'A'	21½	21½
Walker Hiram	32½	32½
WCT	17	17

Shares hit 1,400 level

New York (Reuter) The stock market moved higher in early trading yesterday making its assault on the 1,400 level soon after the opening.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up more than four points to 1401. The record closing high was 1,397 Tuesday.

The New York Stock Exchange index was up 0.13 to 111.20 and the price of an average share was up 4 cents. Advances led declines 759-5222 among the 1,785 issues crossing the tape.

Big board volume amounted to about 44,500,000 shares compared with 35,460,000 in the same period on Tuesday.

Mr Marvin Katz, a trader at Sanford C Bernstein Co, said the market showed broad strength and he expected to see the average back above 1,400.

Technology stocks, which were strong earlier in the week, showed signs o hesitation. IBM was down ½ to 132-⅞ and Digital Equipment unchanged at 117-⅞.

● The Federal Reserve entered the US Government securities market to arrange the US Government securities market to arrange $1.5 billion of customer repurchase agreements. Dealers said Federal funds were trading at 8-½ per cent when the Fed began its temporary supply of reserves.

COMMODITIES

Business on the London Metal Exchange was depressed yesterday as the tin crisis seemed to deteriorate. Copper producers wishing to settle their annual sales agreements are finding it difficult to make a price.

There was more action, however, in the softs: Sugar continued to attract buying interest and there was talk of the price rising by $2. Cocoa was traded heavily on chart points, but coffee was nervous and undecided as uncertainty about the Brazilian crop persisted.

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official turnover figures
Prices in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE

Cash	855.00-856.00
Three months	882.00-882.50
Vol	6,950
Tone	quiet

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	828.00-831.00
Three months	861.00-863.00
Vol	nil
Tone	idle

TIN STANDARD
Suspended.

LEAD

Cash	275.00-276.50
Three months	277.00-277.50
Vol	2,600
Tone	quiet

ZINC STANDARD

Cash	393.00-395.00
Vol	875
Tone	quiet

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	403.00-405.00
Three months	413.00-414.00
Vol	6,650
Tone	quiet

SILVER LARGE

Cash	422.0-423.0
Three months	435.0-436.0
Vol	8
Tone	quiet

SILVER SMALL

Cash	422.0-423.0
Three months	435.0-436.0
Vol	nil
Tone	

ALUMINIUM

Cash	857.50-858.50
Three months	882.50-883.00
Vol	10,600
Tone	steady

NICKEL

Cash	2790.00-2800.00
Three months	2845.00-2850.00
Vol	438
Tone	quiet

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
Rubber in p per kilo; Soyabean meal, coffee and £ per tonne; Gas-oil and sugar in US $ per tonne.
C W Joynson and Co report

RUBBER

Jan	Unquoted
Feb	Unquoted
Mar	Unquoted
Apr	Unquoted
May	Unquoted
Jun	Unquoted
Jul	Unquoted
Aug	Unquoted
Jan/Mar	Unquoted
Apr/Jun	Unquoted
Jun/Sep	Unquoted
Vol	Nil

SUGAR
(Raw)
No. 6 at 16.40

Dec	154.0-51.0
Mar	163.0-63.4
May	167.4-67.2
Aug	172.8-72.4
Oct	177.8-77.6
Dec	Unquoted
Vol	2,054

SUGAR
(White)
No price available

COCOA

Dec	1608-07
Mar	1667-59
May	1690-88
July	1714-10
Sep	1742-38
Dec	1748-44
Mar	1770-63
Vol	1,0830

COFFEE

Nov	1875-70
Jan	1905-05
Mar	1892-90
May	1875-70
Jul	1875-1865
Sep	1890-1885
Nov	1897-90
Vol	7,562

SOYABEAN

Dec	128.2-28.0
Feb	131.0-30.8
Apr	130.7-30.5
Jun	128.8-28.2
Aug	126.8-28.2
Oct	129.0-28.0
Dec	131.5-28.5
Vol	699

GAS OIL

Nov	262.50-62.25
Dec	260.25-60.00
Jan	257.75-57.50
Feb	253.50-53.25
Mar	244.30-44.25
Apr	238.25-38.00
May	231.00-30.25
Jun	228.00-28.00
Jly	228.00-27.75
Vol	2,484

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 6

GB: Cattle, 93.75p per kg lw (+0.41).
GB: Sheep, 148.82p per kg est d c w (-3.11).
GB: Pigs, 81.29p per kg lw (+2.06).

England and Wales: Cattle nos. down 1.1 per cent, ave. price, 93.57p (+0.45). Sheep nos. up 0.1 per cent, ave. price, 147.09p (-3.11). Pig nos. down 2.3 per cent, ave. price, 81.29p (+2.06).

Scotland: Cattle nos. down 8.1 per cent, ave. price, 94.54p (+0.28). Sheep nos. down 25.7 per cent, ave. price, 143.30p (-4.01).

BALTIC FREIGHT INDEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd report
$10 per index point

	High/Low	Close
Jan 86	896.0-886.0	885.0
Apr 86	947.0-939.0	940.0
Jul 86	nmq	845.0
Oct 86	925.0-920.0	925.0
Jan 87	—	992.5
Apr 87	—	1035.0
Jul 87	—	910.0
Oct 87	nmq	1000.0

Spot: 914.5
Vol.: 162

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Nov	£107.75	£107.85
Jan	£110.25	£110.60
Mar	£112.90	£113.15
May	£115.75	£116.15
Jly	£118.90	-
Sep	£97.25	£97.60

Volume:
Wheat 461
Barley 133

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE
Live Pig Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Nov	unq	112.0
Jan	93.0	unq
Feb	92.0	92.0
Mar	unq	unq
May	unq	unq
Jun	98.0	96.0
Jul	86.0	86.0
Aug	unq	unq
Sep	unq	unq
Oct	unq	unq
Vol.0		

Pig meat
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Nov	116.0	117.5
Feb	99.5	99.5
Apr	101.3	101.3
Jun	99.4	99.1
Aug	98.1	99.0
Oct	103.7	103.8
Vol.25		

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Nov	68.20	68.90
Feb	70.00	70.50
Apr	78.00	78.90
May	84.50	84.50
Vol.336		

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The dollar lost ground in quiet and to some extent directionless trading yesterday. Initially, the dollar opened lower in London having been sold overnight in the Far East.

It tried to rise on short covering, but failed to recover completely to overnight levels and then fell again towards the close.

Sterling was largely on the sidelines, eventually closing lower against most currencies. It traded within a narrow range against the dollar and, after some fluctuation, closed 20 points firmer at 1.4365.

In mark terms, sterling also had a mixed day, eventually ending weaker at 3.7359 (3.7393).

The effective index relinquished 0.3, to close at 80.0.

Operators said the pound was neglected with most attention focused on the dollar/yen relationship.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range November 6	Market rates close November 5	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.4325-1.4395	$1.4360-1.4370	0.43-0.40 c prem	1.24-1.21 c prem
Montreal	$1.9740-1.9815	$1.9755-1.9783	0.51-0.42 c prem	1.48-1.33 c prem
Amsterdam	4.2045-4.2224fl	4.2104-4.2154fl	2¾-1¾ c prem	6-5¾ c prem
Brussels	75.43-75.75fr	75.53-75.64fr	20-15 c prem	59-57 c prem
Copenhagen	13.5068-13.5710kr	13.5276-13.5517kr	9¾-7¼ ore prem	27-25¾ ore prem
Dublin	1.2055-1.2105p	1.2065-1.2075p	21-7 p prem	55-34 p prem
Frankfurt	3.7265-3.7480m	3.7335-3.7382m	2¾-2⅛ pf prem	8¼-6¾ pf prem
Lisbon	230.71-234.80e	231.36-234.69e	145-405 e disc	515-1315 e disc
Madrid	229.57-230.41p	229.85-230.15p	19-35 p disc	115-180 p disc
Milan	2516.70-2528.96lr	2519.62-2523.53lr	1-6 lr disc	8-14 lr disc
Oslo	11.2270-11.2693kr	11.2445-11.2507kr	2¾-3¼ ore disc	9¼-9¾ ore disc
Paris	11.3290-11.4116f	11.3728-11.3879f	2¾-1¾ c prem	7¾-5¾ c prem
Stockholm	11.2064-11.2611k	11.2341-11.2583k	2¼-3¼ ore disc	6¼-7¼ ore disc
Tokyo	294.80-296.08y	294.91-295.28y	1¼-1 y prem	3-2¾ y prem
Vienna	26.20-26.31sch	26.28-26.30sch	14-12½ gro prem	39-35 gro prem
Zurich	3.0706-3.0865f	3.0741-3.0784f	2¼-2 c prem	6-5½ c prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down 0.3 at 80.0 (day's range 80.3-80.0).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1.1492-1.1515
Australia dollar	2.1642-2.1691
Bahrain dinar	0.5306-0.5436
Brazil cruzeiro*	13411.0-12485.0
Cyprus pound	0.7910-0.8010
Finland markka	7.9940-8.0340
Greece drachme	218.95-220.95
Hong Kong dollar	11.2080-11.2180
India rupee	17.24-17.44
Iraq dinar	n.a.
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.4180-0.4220
Malaysia dollar	3.4908-3.4876
Mexico peso	n.a.
New Zealand dollar	2.4484-2.4586
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.2250-5.2650
Singapore dollar	3.0043-3.0383
South Africa rand	3.7010-3.7180
United Arab Emirates dirham	5.2505-5.2965

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.1880-1.1895
Singapore	2.1130-2.1180
Malaysia	2.4240-2.4270
Australia	0.6825-0.6835
Canada	1.3765-1.3795
Sweden	7.8125-7.8175
Norway	7.8250-7.8300
Denmark	8.4100-8.4150
West Germany	2.5985-2.5995
Switzerland	2.1385-2.1400
Netherlands	2.9300-2.9315
France	7.9150-7.9200
Japan	205.05-205.15
Italy	1754.0-1758.0
Belgium(Comm)	52.58-52.63
Hong Kong	7.8040-7.8060
Portugal	161.0-162.5
Spain	159.85-160.05
Austria	18.28-18.31

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Exbil. *Lloyds Bank International.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Interbank money was a steady 11⅝ per cent all morning. It dipped to 10½ – 10 per cent once bill purchases by the Bank of England had matched the day's £600 million shortage.

But there was no late help and the rate jumped to about 12½ – 12 per cent briefly, before collapsing to touch 2 per cent. The close was in the region of 9 – 8 per cent.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11½%
Finance House 12%

Discount Market Loans%
Overnight: High 11⅝ Low 5
Week fixed: 11½

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying	Selling
2 months 11⅛	2 months 11⅛
3 months 11⅛	3 months 11⅛

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 month 11⅞-11¾ 2 months 11⅞-11¾
3 months 11 ⅞-11⅝ 6 months 10⅝-10⅜

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 month 11⅞ 2 months 11⅞
3 months 11¾ 6 months 11⅝

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11⅞ close 9-8
1 week 11⅝-11⅜ 6 months 11⅝-11½
1 month 11⅞-11¾ 9 months 11½-11⅜
3 months 11⅞-11⅝ 12 months 11⅞-11⅝

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days	11⅝
1 month	11⅞
6 months	11
7 days	11⅝
3 months	11⅞
12 months	11

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 month 12⅞-12 2 months 12⅞-11⅞
3 months 12-11⅞ 6 months 11⅞-11⅝
9 months 11⅞-11⅝ 12 months 11⅝-11⅜

Sterling CDs (%)
1 month 11⅝-11⅜ 3 months 11⅝-11⅞
6 months 11⅝-11⅞ 12 months 11⅞-11⅝

Dollar CDs (%)
1 month 8.00-7.90 3 months 8.00-7.90
6 months 8.00-7.90 12 months 8.25-8.15

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar	call	8⅝-7⅝
7 days	8⅝-7⅝	1 month 8⅛-8
3 months	8⅛-8	6 months 8⅝-8⅛
Deutschmark	call	5-4
7 days	4⅝-4⅞	1 month 4⅝-4⅞
3 months	4⅝ 4 ⅛	6 months 4⅝-4⅛
French Franc	call	5½-8½
7 days	9½-9⅛	1 month 9½-9⅛
3 months	9⅝-9⅛	6 months 10⅛-10⅛
Swiss Franc	call	2½-1½
7 days	1½-1	1 month 3½-3⅛
3 months	4⅛-4	6 months 4⅛-4⅛
Yen	call	7-6
7 days	7⅛-7⅛	1 month 7⅛-7⅛
3 months	7⅛-7⅛	6 months 7⅛-7⅛

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin):
$326.50-328.00 (227.00-228.25)
Sovereigns* (new):
$76.00-78.00 (54.25-55.00)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV
Average reference rate for interest period 2 October, 1985, to 5 November, inclusive: 11.508 per cent.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div %	Yld %	P/E
191	87	Alliance	97	+1	2.6	2.6	..
668	580	Alliance	650	-5	26.1e	4.0	..
155	116	Amer Trust	126	..	4.3	3.4	..
302	245	Ang Amer Sec	281	+1	8.1	2.9	..
145	128	Ashdown	136	..	4.23p	3.1	..
132	110	Atlantic Assets	119	-1	3.8	3.2	..
102	83	Bankers	97	..	3.5p	3.6	..
184	152	Berry	166	+1	7.5	6.5	..
178	152	Border & Sthrn	175	+1	6.1	2.9	..
219	192	Brit Assets	214	-1	10.9p	5.1	..
31½	25	Br Empire Sec	31½	..	1.3	4.1	..
373	312	British Inv	372	..	20.5	5.5	..
81	64	Brunner	81	..	3.1e	3.8	..
88	72	Cayzer Agency	88	+½	3.5p	3.9	..
595	525	Continental	545	..	28.6	4.4	..
178	119	Crescent Japan	144	+2	1.1	0.8	..
485	353	Delta	380	..	..	..	..
112	97	Derby Inc	112	..	10.8	8.7	..
115	85	Do Cap	115	+2	..	..	..
330	264	Drayton Cons	328	-1	13.4e	4.1	..
148	112	Drayton Far East	139	+1	1.6	1.2	..
420	348	Drayton Japan	418	+5	3.5e	0.8	..
518	383	Drayton Premier	513	-1	20.7p	4.0	..
186	160	Dundee Lon	185	-1	7.4p	4.0	..
485	353	Edin Amer Asset	380	+1	8.5	2.2	..
117	103	Edinburgh	117	+1	5.1	4.4	..
282	254	Electric Gen	268	..	5.1	1.9	..
136	114	English Int	135	-1	5.6	4.1	..
76	65	English Scot	77	..	1.9	2.4	..
116	97	English NT	110	..	2.6	2.3	..
87	76	F & C Alliance	86	-1	2.4	2.8	..
156	122	FEC Pacific	144	+3	1.8p	1.3	..
252	232	Finsbury Japan	233	+3	11.2p	4.8	..
282	242	First Scot Amer	242	+2	13.2p	4.8	..
185	80	First Un Gen	80	..	8.7	10.9	..
500	415	Fleming American	466	+6	7.5	1.6	..
295	250	Fleming Claver	290	..	12.8	4.4	..
286	233	Fleming Enterprise	285	-1	12.1	4.3	..
169	76	Fleming Far East	82	+1	1.4	1.7	..
113	100	Fleming Fledgling	107	-2	3.6	3.3	..
548	472	Fleming Japan	543	+3	5.7	1.0	..
127	105	Fleming Mercantile	127	..	4.5	3.4	..
134	100	Fleming Overseas	112	..	3.9	3.5	..
152	120	Fleming Tech	138	-1	2.3	2.4	..
354	288	Fleming Universal	308	+2	7.1	2.4	..
74	59	For Col	67½	+½	2.2p	3.9	..
121	92	GBC Capital	98	-1	..	..	..
185	115	GT Japan	129	+1	2.0	1.6	..
135	97	General Funds	134	+1	2.7	2.0	..
276	230	General Cons	270	+1	14.2p	5.3	..
125	103½	Glasgow Stock	123	..	2.9p	2.4	..
307	251	Globe	307	..	14.5	4.7	..

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div %	Yld %	P/E
282	202	Greenfriar	282	..	2.3	0.8	..
275	228	Grehams House	265	..	6.3	2.4	..
184	132	Hambros	184	..	6.0	3.7	..
255	225	Hill (F)	255	●	13.5	5.2	..
540	448	Investment Success	518	+5	7.8	1.5	..
244	208	Inv Cap	244	+4	11.5p	5.1	..
62	45½	Japan Assets	48½	..	0.1	0.3	..
181½	137	Lake View –	181	● +6	3.5	2.2	..
191	162	Law Debenture	184	..	8.5p	4.7	..
88	68	Lon Merchant Sec	82	..	3.1	3.8	..
88	68	Lon Trust	74	..	6.1	8.2	..
104	86	Merchants	104	..	5.4p	5.2	..
174	133	Monks	161	..	3.4p	2.1	..
139	108	Murray Income	130	● ..	7.7	5.9	..
117	85	Murray Growth	115	+2	2.0	1.7	..
136	112	Murray Intl	136	..	5.4p	4.7	..
208	168	Murray Smail	208	+2	3.7	1.8	..
208	168	Murray Ventura	208	● +2	3.7	1.8	..
383	354	New Court	367	-1	20.4	5.3	..
77	61	New Darien Cit	67	..	1.5	2.7	..
172	153	NSS	165	+1	6.7	4.0	..
58	37	Nothnag Inv 88	50	..	4.2p	8.4	..
248	157	New Tokyo	184	+5	1.4e	0.7	..
324	248	Nth Atlantic Sec	288	+3	4.8	1.7	..
122	78	Nth Sea Assets	75	..	0.7	0.9	..
288	227	Nth Warsaw	288	..	7.7p	2.7	..
145	128	Outwich	145	+1	4.3	3.0	..
101	75	Pacific Assets	97	..	..	..	..
43	33	Do Wrnts	34	..	..	..	..
46	32	Personal Assets	41	..	0.5	0.7	..
144	125	Raeburn	135	+1	14.1p	6.7	..
144	125	River & Merc	144	..	7.9p	5.5	..
236	196	River Plate	233	+2	10.7	4.6	..
192	168	Robeco	188	-1	..	..	..
171	150	Rolinco	166	+3	..	..	..
270	228	Romney	258	..	6.9p	2.6	..
11¾	10	Rorento	11½	..	..	..	..
116	96	St Andrews	116	-1	4.0p	3.5	..
295	225	Scottish Cos	295	+2	7.3	2.5	..
278	211	Scot Ameritrust	273	+3	8.4	3.1	..
97	78	Scot Eastern	96	+1	2.9p	3.2	..
488	345	Scot Mtge	397	● +2	10.7p	2.8	..
242	204	Scot Nat	240	+1	6.4p	2.8	..
388	354½	Scot Mere 'A'	376	..	20.0	5.3	..
598	500	Second

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Brewers sparkle on Brown bid hope

By Pam Spooner

Regional brewers were back at the centre of stock market action yesterday, with the Matthew Brown share price leading the way as dealers heard that the bid for Brown is to go ahead.

The City has been waiting for the past few weeks for the Department of Trade & Industry to allow or reject the takeover attempt launched last March by Scottish & Newcastle Breweries. The final document, setting out the DTI decision, is believed to be at the printers and will be released in a few days.

As the Brown share price shot up 23p to 463p it was obvious the market believed the bid had been cleared. Hope in the Square Mile was that the document will be published on Friday, though next Tuesday looks a more likely date.

Cautious voices also suggested that even if S & N gets approval there are likely to be strings attached. Informed opinion in the City says the DTI will impose conditions on any buyer of Brown, restricting action on brewery closures and redundancies.

The DTI will want to set an example on how mergers among the regional brewers should take place. Certainly Brown was setting an example on share price movements yesterday, and other second-line issues in the drinks sector gained pennies in sympathy. Boddingtons Breweries was up 1p at 99p, H P Bulmer rose 3p to 177p and Vaux Breweries went 5p better to 383p.

The Brown share price still has some way to go. On the original terms from S & N the offer is worth 610p a share, with the S & N price at 189p.

But, if conditions are attached to ay clearance and S & N is widely expected to reduce its offer, probably by omitting the cash element of 405p and sticking to a straight 14 S & N shares for every five Brown. That gives an offer value of around 530p a share.

Elsewhere in stock market investors appeared ready to shrug off poor bank lending figures and gloomy news from the electronics industry. The FT 30-share index jumped 7.8 points to a record 1081.3 ad the FT-SE 100-share marker rose 11.3 points to a record 1395.0, making the 1400 level look vulnerable.

Plessey responded to news that it has lost out on tenders for the multi-billion dollar defence contract from the US Government with a 10p rise to 140p. The market had already discounted the disappointment and is looking for the shares to recover from weakness. Some sources suggest, however, that if anyone wants to buy the electricals group now is the time.

But, while the North Americans do not want our electronics, they appear to like our shares. US buying was given as the reason for price rises in the old favourites, such as Glaxo Holdings, BAT Industries, Lucas Industries, Jaguar and Reuters.

BAT went 18p better to 311p alongside news that its shares are to be traded on the Paris, Brussels and Antwerp stock exchanges from the end of this month. Lucas still rises on expectations of a consortium bid, and Glaxo and Jaguar were responding to good trading news from the US.

Stores shares moved sharply higher as market men decided that Sunday trading will take off soon and inspire further the talked-of retail boom. Boots went 7p higher to 230p, Burton Group rose 8p to 578p and Woolworth Holdings gained 8p to 606p.

Mercury Securities responded to expectations of share stake building with a 30p jump to another new peak for the year of 658p. Paribas International, the French banking group, is reckoned to be selling its 6.6 per cent holding in Mercury to a US group which wants a strategic investment in the British finance house.

Akroyd & Smithers, the stockjobber which Mercury is taking over next year, rose 35p to 495p in sympathy. Merchant bank and investment groups also followed the Mercury lead, with Hill Samuel up 12p at 355p, Kleinwort Benson up 10p at 560p and Schroders 20p better at 1133p.

Exco International, the money broking group which is favoured to receive a takeover approach, rose to 239p at one stage. But market hopes of an imminent raid on the shares were soon dimmed and the price eased back to 232p, for a net gain of 8p on the day.

Clearing banks were in good form too, alongside news of a new, confidence-inspiring, floating rate note from the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank for US $400 million. Up to 20p was added to the price of the six quoted domestic UK banks, and HK&Shanghai saw a gain of 2p to 68p.

Life assurance shares continued to move ahead, despite early attempts in the market to trim prices.

● BAT chalked up 3,395 contracts traded yesterday, with dealers getting big business in *February and November 300* calls. Apart from US buying interest in the tobacco group, there was also news of wider marketing of the shares in Europe. Total LTO business for the day numbered 15,570 contracts, and Lonrho was another star of the list with 2,102 contracts traded. Jaguar saw 1,204 contracts change hands.

Steady buying of shares in Macarthys Pharmaceutical continues from clients of John Govett Investment. JGIM now holds through its funds 17.16 per cent of the drugs distribution company, having picked up another 100,000 shares for a client earlier this week. The Macarthys price edged 1p higher to 226p and looks like fulfilling market predictions of a strong run as predators give chase.

World of Leather, the furniture retailer, comes to the market on a placing price of around 128p a share, putting a market value of £10.2 million on the company. That gives an actual tax p/e of 17 for WoL, which forecasts profits of over £1 million for the year to December. Most of the £3 million being raised by the flotation goes to original shareholders, butt some £625,000 will go toward the latest new store and further expansion. Broker to the placing is Simon & Coates.

Co-op steps up holiday war with shopping vouchers

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

The possible widening of a 10 per cent discount voucher scheme on foreign package holidays by the fast-growing chain of Co-op Travel shops has emerged as the latest threat to smaller travel agents. The Co-op's vouchers are redeemable for goods at its stores.

As the price war on package holidays continues there are growing fears in the industry that it is the smaller agents which could prove the biggest losers.

The Association of British Travel Agents, which started this year with more than 2,600m agents on its books, has been told so far of 41 going out of business, compared with 42 in the whole of last year.

Last year's total was a record for collapses. In 1981 six collapsed, there were 19 collapses in 1982 and 14 in 1983.

Mr Don Swinard, chairman of ABTA's travel agents' council, has gave a warning of the effects of the 20 per cent cuts in holiday prices for which Thomson Holidays set the trend.

The lower price levels could destroy agents' profits, said Mr Swinard. Many agents, he said, had a turnover of less than £600,000 a year, out of which they had been making £3,000 to £6,000 net annual profits.

About 1,500 agents, or about 55 per cent of the total, come into this category, according to ABTA.



Kenneth Scott: Battle with four operators.

Travel agents receive 10 per cent commission on the holidays they sell so that as prices decline so does their commission. This could to an extent be offset by the expected 20 per cent growth in next summer's package holidays market.

There is marginal cash-flow advantages from the increased number of early-bookings now being made as agents pass deposits through their banks to the four operators.

Another pressure on the small travel agent has been the growth of the big chains like Thomas Cook, Pickfords Travel, Hogg Robinson, Lunn Poly and ATMars.

The top 10 among the agency chains now account for 40 per cent of sales, compared with under 15 per cent 10 years ago. The top 10 now have about 2,000 branches, nearly a trebling of their strength in the 10 years.

The chains, because of their financial resources, have been able to lead the way in setting up computer links which speed up holiday bookings.

They have also brought in their own sales incentives like the reductions offered by Lunn Poly provided holidaymakers take up insurance deals offered by Lunn Poly. The Lunn Poly offer is worth £10 off a two-week holiday.

Another threat is quietly building up because of the rapid expansion of Co-op Travel as an agency chain backed by the Manchester-based Co-operative Wholesale Society.

Co-op Travel has 55 outlets with more than another 100 operated by the independent co-operative retail societies. The present aim is more than 300 Co-op Travel outlets within three years which would put the chain among the top six.

About 40 outlets run by independent societies give discount vouchers, mostly around the East Midlands, led by Ilkeston Consumer Co-operative Society in Derbyshire whose chief executive, Mr Kenneth Scott, has fought a long battle against the refusal of leading tour operators to allow their holidays to be discounted at Ilkeston.

EuroRoute may modify Channel railway plan

By Jeremy Warner, Business Correspondent

EuroRoute is considering a fundamental change in its proposal for a fixed link across the English Channel in an effort to satisfy the demands of British Rail and SNCF, the French national rail network.

The Anglo-Franch consortium has asked its advisers to look into the viability of a conventional tunnel to carry rail traffic beneath the sea bed, in addition to the bridge and submerged tube link it is proposing for road traffic.

Both British Rail and SNCF have privately expressed dissatisfaction with EuroRoute's present proposal for a submerged tube rail link to be completed 18 months after the road link.

The two state-owned rail companies fear that delay would lose them considerable freight traffic, and they have told EuroRoute that they will not suppts proposal unless the rail link is completed at the same time as the road link in early 1993.

EuroRoute's is one of four *proposals being considered by* the British and French Governments.

Mr Robin Biggam, the company's chief executive, said yesterday that the consortium *was discussing options with the* rail networks.

"It would not be possible to complete a submerged tube rail link at the same time as the road link since the economics of the submerged tube proposal depend on using dregging machinery which has already been written off against the road link".

Mr Biggam also ruled out joining forces with the rival Channel Tunnel Group, which is already proposing a £4 billion twin bore rail tunnel beneath the sea bed.

£2bn nuclear contracts

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

British companies are among 23 from seven countries to be invited by South Korea to bid for two nuclear power stations contracts worth $3.6 billion (£2.16 billion).

South Korea, which already has 10 nuclear power stations, has yet to decide whether the two new ones will be pressurized water reactors (PWRs), such as those built in France and the United States and the type which the Central Electricity Generating Board wants to build at Sizewell.

The other type being considered is the Canadian-designed heavy-water Candu reactor.

● Nigeria is to build a gas liquifaction plant to enable it to sell 3 million tonnes a year of its natural gas to European customers.

The Nigerian national oil company will hold 60 per cent of the plant, which will be built close to the Bonny River.

Shell, which will be technical leader on the project, will hold 20 per cent, and Elf of France and Agip of Italy 10 per cent each.

TEMPUS

Philips grasps the US nettle with full listing

On grounds that attack is the best form of defence, Philips announcement that it is to seek a full share listing in the United States could not have been better timed. All year the Dutch electronics company has been dogged by a dismal performance in its North American operations.

While less bold companies might have gone in search of a sweeper and the nearest carpet, Philips has decided to take a high profile.

The stated logic for the US listings (Philips' shares are already traded over the counter), is that the company has substantial operation and capital employed in the country and the greater stockmarket exposure would benefit both shares and products.

It is this confidence which gives perhaps the clearest indication yet that Philips is over the worst of its problems. Yesterday's third quarter results, however, are still behind this tentative optimism.

As in the previous two quarters, net income fell this time to Fl 175 million (£41 million) from Fl 241 million a year ago.

Once again the main reason for the decline was continuing failings in the US. The North American net income fell reflecting the impact of the downturn in the semiconductor market in the Signetics Corporation subsidiary.

Philips acted swiftly and drastically to realign its cost structure with the revised production demand. That action is now having some effect and there is even muted talk that some modest upturn may be seen if not in the final quarter then by 1986.

It was a welcome relief from the bad news which observers have become accustomed to on this front. Some Dutch analysts had been expecting the effect of the US problems to be much more pronounced in the quarter and forecasts of net income as low as FL 100 million had been made.

To find that the outturn was not as bad as expected and that the company has a new confidence in the busineess did no harm to the shares. Sharp rises were recorded in Amsterdam and in London where the shares closed up £1 at £12⁹⁄₁₆.

The increase also regognizes the strong performance in Europe. Not good enough to offset the US problems, it has certainly allowed Philips to retain some dignity this year. The sound and vision operations go from strength to strength with reports thas sales of compact disc players are going better than any other consumer electronics product launched.

More importantly, Philips has been able to maintain its overall vvolume increases which are running at about 7 per cent for the year. By keeping its production base essentially intact Philips has avoided the heavy overhead write-offs which have proved so costly in the US.

Full-year net income will be down on the F 1.1 billion reported in 1984. However, the prospects for 1986 are at last beginning to look encouraging and should ensure that the group is allowed to fly the European electronics flat in the face of the Japanese competition with more fervour.

Plessey

The stock market reached a new peak of contrariness yesterday. Plessey failed to get a $7,400 million (£5,150 million) contract to supply Ptarmigan Systems to the Pentagon, yet its shares gained 10p to 140p. The company had every reason to put a brave face on its defeat by the French but it is not at all clear why the stock market did the same.

To some extent the market had discounted the Pentagon's preference already, but that does not explain why the news was greeted so positively. The rise may owe more to hopes that British Telecom's modernization of its trunk networks, also announced on Tuesday, would boost orders for local digital exchanges.

In reality, yesterday's reaction was typical of the market's uncertainty over Plessey. Analysts have forked tongues, speaking of steady growth in future profits yet valuing the company on a par with dull engineering stocks.

Privately, many analysts will admit to confusion. They may be publicly forecasting profits of £170 million this year, up from £164 million, but many would not be surprised if profits fell.

Mr Chris Wells of de Zoete & Bevan, the broker, is one of the few who have gone on record with a forecast of second-quarter profits of only £28 million, against £39 million last time.

When these results are announced on November 14, attention is likely to focus on Plessey's accounting systems. If, as some suspect, the company takes profits as soon as equipment is delivered to BT rather than when it is accepted and paid for by the customer, it is using a device that smoothes out rough patches in its fortunes, though not in its image. Blunders, page 14

Burnett & Hallamshire

Shareholders in Burnett & Hallamshire Holdings, the struggling coal miner, are becoming impatient. The shares were suspended in July at just 20p since when the company has said little about its future. The shareholders will have to wait longer as the shares may not be traded again until the new year. After the renegotiation of a royalties agreement in Pennsylvania, announced two weeks ago, lawyers and bankers are apparently hard at work on a reconstruction.

The implication is that the company plans to produce its report and accounts for the year ending last March and a crucial circular to shareholders without first selling its Californian properties. If so, these will presumably have to be heavily written down.

Shareholders can expect the company to give full details of all its joint ventures and associated liabilities. They will be anxious to know whether the company continues to use joint ventures as a financing device. This question is specially relevant now that there is a real chance of a power station being built in Northern Ireland which would burn Burnett's local lignite.

Burnett might not want or be able to finance a new mine on its own. It might well consider going into partnership with another company.

Shareholders are in the unhappy position of having to wait around to hear how Burnett plans to resolve these issues. After possibly six months of being locked in to the company, while the shares are suspended, there may be plenty of willing sellers when trading resumes.

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
A M S Industries 5p Ord (95)	108
Colorgen Com Stk $0.01 (90a)	108
C P M 5p Ord (125a)	130
Cowells 25p Ord (88a).	92
Davidson Pearce 10p Ord (160)	165
Ealing Electro-optics 5p Ord (95p)	105+1
Electronic Data Proc. 5p Ord (75a)	73
Fairbrair 10p Ord (120)	106
Gibbon Lyons 10p Ord (72a)	68
InfraRed $0.10 Com Stk (94a)	85–6
Just Rubber 10p Ord (62a)	56
Kewill Systems 5p Ord (79a)	81–1
Metsec 10p Ord (67a)	69
Questel 10p Ord (180a)	170
Radius 5p Ord (95a)	98
St Ives Group 10p Ord (330*)	468
Shandwick 5p Ord (175)	178
Nderwoods 10p ORD(180*	209+3
Rights issues	
Bunsway (55) Fully Pd	67
Fisher (Albert) (106) Nil Paid	23 prem
Garfunkels Rest (100) Nil Pd	32 prem

Issue price in parentheses, a Unlisted Securities, *by tender.

COMPANY NEWS

● NORTHERN FOODS: has bought the biscuit and cake manufacturing assets of Adams Foods, a subsidiary of the Irish Dairy Board. There are two factories, at Uttoxeter, Staffs, and Gadbrook, Cheshire, supplying private label buscuits, and some cake, to most big retailers. The cash consideration for the fixed assets will be £11 million. Northern will also acquire the stocks at an agreed valuation.

● INTERNATIONAL THOMSON ORGANISATION: The directors have declared a dividend of 9.25 cents per common share (an increase of 12.1 per cent over that paid in July, 1985) and a sterling equivalent dividend of 6.4505p. It will be paid on Jan 15.

● HELENE OF LONDON: The price for the acquisition of Peter Barron (Models) is 3 million ordinary shares. The directors forecast pretax profits from ordinary activities (including about one month's contribution from Barron) for 1985 will be in excess of £1.6 million (£1.4 million last time).

● MAGNETIC MARTERIALS GROUP: The offer for sale of 4,977,540 ordinary shares was 3.6 times oversubscribed at the offer price of 114p per share.

● VEIWPLAN: The company has bought the Eurovideo Group for 100,000 shares. Viewplan has also agreed to repay both bank overdraft and directors' loans to the company, totalling about £200,000.

● CHARLES BAYNES: The company has bought Stoneguard, the Rustip, London, stone cleaning and restoration company, for £300,000 cash. It will become part of the group's property services division.

● DERWENT VALLEY HOLDINGS: The company is to acquire a protfolio of investment properties. The consideration of £3.46 million is to be satisfied by the issue of 61,698 new ordinary shares and £1 million in cash.

● FROST GROUP: The group is to buy Alphalion Service Stations, a newly-formed company owning, or in the process of acquiring and developing, 10 free-of-tie self-service petrol stations in primary trading positins, for £2 million.

● KEYSTONE INVESTMENT CO: For the 11 months to Sept 30, compared with the previous year, with figures in £000, the pretax revenue was 1,111 (1,278). Earnings per share were 10.64p (11.63p). A final dividend of 6p (6p) is being paid on Dec 16, making a total of 10p (10p).

● COMPSOFT HOLDINGS: For the half-year to Sept 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 1,151 (950); while the pretax profit was 2 (341).

● STONE INTERNATIONAL: The company's energy systems division has received a £500,000 contract fom South Korea, for five coal-fired B and E Coalmiser steam boilers. The boilers will be made at the company's new plant at Oldbury.

● SOUTH AFRICAN BREWERIES: In the half-year to Sept. 30, pretax profits fell from R101.8 million to R63.9 million (about £17 million). Turnover rose from R2,534.4 million to R2,627 million. With earnings per ordinary share down from 27.5 top 19.4 cents, the interim dividend is being held at 10 cents. It will be paid on Dec. 27.

● UNITED CERAMIC DISTRIBUTORS: The company has acquired, from the receiver of Tudor Crystal, the capital of Lark Enter for a nominal consideration. UCD will also buy the freehold premises occupied byu this company at Stourbridge for £130,000 cash. UCD has also undertaken to replay inter-company indebtedness of Lark Enter of £155,000 in cash.

● B.A.T. INDUSTRIES: Applications have been made for the ordinary shares of 25p to be admitted for trading on the Paris, Brussels and Antwerp stock exchanges. Listing in Paris is scheduled to be granted on November 25 and in Brussels and Antwerp on November 26.

● WHITBREAD INVESTMENT: For the half-year to Sept 30, with figures in £000, the pretax profit was 3,774 (3,393). Earnings per share were 4.18p (3.73p). An interim dividend of 2.37p (2.17p) is being paid.

● JESSUPS: For the year to Aug 31, with figures in £000, turnover was 54,838 (49,945), while the pretax profit was 1,373 (1,134). Earnings per share were 13.25p (12.89p). A final dividend of 2.75p (2p) is being paid on Jan 10, making a total of 4p (3p).

● MEADOW FARM PRODUCTS: For the half-year to Sept 27, with figures in £000, turnover was 13,649 (9,527), while the pretax profit was 1,053 (617). Earnings per share were 10.8p (9.3p). An interim dividend of 2.4p (1.9p) is being paid.

● MICROGEN HOLDINGS: the company's subsidiary in Dublin, Microgen (Ireland,) has acquired the computer output to microfilm customer base of Photo Advertising of Dublin and it now offers a computer bureau service to the Irish market. Microgen Ireland paid Irish £100,000 in cash for the goodwill associated with the business and acquired certain freehold assets and consumable materials for a further cash payment of about Irish £2,500. Microgen the British computer bureau offshoot has acquired, a computer bureau operating from premises near Cambridge, for £80,000 cash.

● ICC OIL SERVICES: For the year to March 31, with figures in £000, turnover was 16,444 (13,283), while the pretax profit was 276 (1,061). Earnings per share were 0.83p (1.57p). No final dividend (0.02p) is being paid, making a total of nil (0.02p).

● GRAIG SHIPPING: For the half-year to Sept 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 3,110 (3,796), while the pretax profit was 587 (626). Earnings per share were 21.01p (17.24p). An interim dividend of 5p (5p) is being paid on Dec 13.

● GABLE HOUSE PROPERTIES: The company has exchanged contracts for the acquisition of a modern freehold nursing home in Winchester, Hampshire, a freehold development property in Westbourne Grove, London W11, and the freehold interest in the group's long leasehold office building, College House, St Albans, Hertfordshire.

● AKZO: The results for the nine months to September 30. An interim dividend of 1.50 Dutch guilders is being paid. With figures in guilders million, net sales amounted to 13,512.1 (12,202.1) and operating income was 1,090.6 (989.6). Group income was 713.5 (585.1). Net income 651.1 (570.4).

● THOMSON–CSF: The company is in advanced talks with Allied Corporation's subsidiary, Bendix, to acquire Air Equipment, Thomson reported in Paris. Bendix has also received a bid for Air Equipment, which makes control systems for helicopters, airliners and guided missiles, from Vickers.

● PREMIER CONSOLIDATED OILFIELDS: A revised offer is to be made by Premier for Rocky Mountains Oil and Gas. Terms: nine shares in Premier for every seven in Rocky.

● BRAITHWAITE GROUP: The group is to buy Pendle Automatics of Burnley, Lancashire, for £300,000. Pendle is engaged in automatic machining for local industry on a sub-contract basis.

● NEWMARKET CO: Figures for nine months to September 30 in $000. Operating revenues 829 (854). Loss before minorities 773 (loss 815) and net loss 661 (692). Net loss per share $0.02 ($0.02).

● GERMAN SMALLER COMPANIES INVESTMENT TRUST: For the seven and half-month-period since the company's inception, ending on September 30, the unaudited earnings per ordinary share were 1.28p, and the unaudited net asset value was 110p. No interim dividend has been declared.

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No.	Company	Your gain or loss
	INDUSTRIALS A-D	
1	Davis & Newman	
2	Cope Allman	
3	Booker McConnell	
4	AGB Research	
5	Black (Peter)	
6	Crown House	
7	Beecham	
8	Beatson Clarke	
9	Dupont	
10	BET Dfd	
	BREWERIES	
11	Bookingtons	
12	Bulmer (H P)	
13	Greene King	
14	Guinness	
15	Whitbread 'A'	
16	Bass	
17	Irish Distl	
18	Vaux	
19	Scot & New	
20	Distillers	
	INDUSTRIALS S-Z	
21	Scapa	
22	Watson (R Kelvin)	
23	Sparrow (GW)	
24	Sidlaw	
25	Vickers	
26	Standard Fireworks	
27	Stag Furniture	
28	Stonehill	
29	Stocklake	
30	Wolseley-Hughes	
	DRAPERY AND STORES	
31	Burton	
32	Dixons Grp	
33	Menzies (John)	
34	Church	
35	Grattan	
36	Owen Owen	
37	Dunhill	
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1985 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld %	Gross Red. yld %

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

101¹⁄₁₆	98¼	Exch	11¾%	1986	98¹⁵⁄₁₆	+⅛		11.756	11.477
99⅞	96⅞	Treas C	10¾%	1986	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			10.936	11.414
99⅛	91⅝	Treas	3%	1986	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			3.130	10.715
97⅝	91⅝	Exch	10¾%	1986	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			10.536	11.310
101⅛	98⅛	Treas	12%	1986	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			11.542	11.288
98⅛	94⅞	Treas	9½%	1984-86	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			9.650	11.336
102¹⁄₁₆	98⅝	Exch	12¾%	1986	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			10.648	11.109
94⅝	87⅛	Exch	2½%	1986	94⅝			2.649	8.263
104⅝	101⅛	Exch	13¾%	1987	102⅝			12.947	11.208
99⅝	95⅝	Treas C	10¼%	1987	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			10.339	10.532
102⅝	98⅝	Exch	12¾%	1987	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			12.356	10.713
100⅝	96⅝	Exch	10¾%	1987	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			10.551	10.875
98⅝	95⅝	Fund	9¾%	1985-87	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			6.844	10.278
99⅝	94⅝	Treas	10%	1987	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			10.112	10.668
102¹⁄₁₆	98⅝	Treas	12¾%	1988	100⅝			12.548	10.712
104⅝	99⅝	Treas	12%	1987	100⅝			11.756	10.810
98⅝	89⅝	Treas	7¾%	1985-88	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			8.180	10.488
100⅝	94⅝	Exch	10¾%	1988	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			10.640	10.787
97⅝	91⅝	Treas C	9¾%	1988	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			9.570	10.767
97⅝	79⅝	Treas	3%	1978-88	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			3.451	8.614
101⅝	93⅝	Treas	9½%	1988	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			9.808	10.754
100⅝	89⅝	Treas C	11¾%	1989	100⅝			11.257	10.698
97⅝	86⅝	Treas C	9¾%	1989	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			9.816	10.634
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94⅝	85⅝	Exch	10¾%	1989	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			10.220	10.686
101⅛	94⅝	Exch	11¾%	1989	100⅝			10.936	10.718
98⅝	91⅝	Treas	10%	1989-92	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			10.198	10.558
100⅝	101⅛	Treas	13%	1990	100⅝			12.939	10.556
101⅛	96⅝	Exch	11¾%	1990	100⅝			10.884	10.682
100⅝	100⅝	Exch	12¾%	1990	100⅝			11.764	10.847
97⅝	89⅝	Treas	8½%	1990	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			8.255	10.363
101⅛	89⅝	Treas	8½%	1987-90	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			8.540	10.363
101⅛	91	Treas C	10%	1990	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			9.836	10.286

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

100⅝	96⅝	Treas	11½%	1991	100⅝			11.257	10.989
97⅝	78	Fund	4½%	1987-91	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			6.868	8.991
100⅝	95⅝	Exch	11%	1991	101⅛			10.888	10.984
119⅛	100⅝	Treas	12¾%	1992	119⅛			11.700	10.952
100⅝	95⅝	Treas	10%	1992	100⅝			10.358	10.540
101⅛	96⅝	Treas C	10½%	1992	100⅝			10.540	10.599
111⅝	99⅝	Exch	12%	1992	111⅝			11.487	10.858
119⅝	99⅝	Treas	12¾%	1992	114			12.058	10.763
111⅝	99⅝	Treas	12%	1992	111⅝			11.481	10.763
98⅝	74⅝	Fund	8%	1992	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			7.317	9.274
119⅝	105⅝	Treas	13¾%	1993	114⅝			11.907	10.823
119⅝	105⅝	Treas	14%	1994	114⅝			12.060	10.836
113⅝	99⅝	Exch	13¾%	1994	111⅝			11.919	10.988
113⅝	99⅝	Exch	12¾%	1994	111⅝			11.443	10.836
98⅝	84⅝	Exch	9%	1994	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			8.233	10.458
119⅝	99⅝	Treas	12%	1995	114⅝			11.278	10.804
77⅝	61⅝	Exch	6¾%	1990-95	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			4.304	7.521
105⅝	89⅝	Exch	10¾%	1995	100⅝			10.574	10.768
119⅝	105⅝	Treas	13¾%	1996	114⅝			11.981	10.781
119⅝	105⅝	Treas	14%	1996	114⅝			11.791	10.807
94⅝	84⅝	Exch	9%	1992-96	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			9.586	10.458
119⅝	105⅝	Treas	13¾%	1996	114⅝			12.024	10.903
109⅝	95⅝	Exch	12%	1996	104⅝			11.443	10.782
120⅝	107⅝	Treas	13¾%	1997	119⅝			11.427	10.752
101⅝	89⅝	Exch	10¼%	1997	101⅝			10.618	10.681
91⅝	79⅝	Treas	8¾%	1997	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			9.899	10.462
122⅝	107⅝	Exch	15%	1997	122⅝			11.853	10.662
98⅝	85⅝	Exch	9½%	1998	97⅝			10.341	10.585
98⅝	85⅝	Exch	9½%	1998-00	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			8.822	10.107
119⅝	105⅝	Exch	13¾%	1998	119⅝			11.797	10.908
97⅝	85⅝	Exch	9½%	1999	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			10.159	10.599
119⅝	105⅝	Exch	13¾%	1999	119⅝			10.160	10.497
109⅝	95⅝	Exch	12¼%	1999	112⅝			11.027	10.677
109⅝	95⅝	Treas	12¼%	1999	112⅝			10.903	10.511
109⅝	95⅝	Conv	12¼%	1999	112⅝			10.441	10.504
109⅝	95⅝	Exch	13%	2000	121⅝			11.088	10.648

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

40⅝	38¹⁵⁄₁₆	Treas	10%	2001	39⅝			10.281	10.354
128⅛	114⅝	Treas	14%	1998-01	128⅝			11.539	10.855
100⅝	89⅝	Conv	9¼%	2001	97⅝			10.236	10.564
114⅝	101⅝	Exch	12%	1999-02	113⅝			10.984	10.536
98⅝	84⅝	Conv	10%	2002	98			10.204	10.339
119⅝	101⅝	Treas	11¾%	2001-04	109⅝			10.223	10.338
109⅝	94⅝	Fund	9¾%	2004	97⅝			11.229	10.572
97⅝	85⅝	Fund	9¼%	1999-04	95⅝			9.762	9.808
97⅝	85⅝	Conv	9¼%	2004	96⅝			10.116	10.233
97⅝	85⅝	Conv	9¼%	2005	96⅝			10.122	10.226
109⅝	94⅝	Exch	10¼%	2005	109⅝			10.270	10.221
122⅝	110⅝	Treas	12¼%	2003-05	119⅝			10.709	10.428
109⅝	94⅝	Exch	9¾%	2003-05	97⅝			10.054	9.961
109⅝	94⅝	Treas	9¾%	2003-05	97⅝			9.679	9.861
119⅝	101⅝	Treas	11¾%	2003-07	109⅝			10.819	10.416
109⅝	89⅝	Treas	8¾%	2004-08	97⅝			9.586	10.488
109⅝	94⅝	Exch	10¼%	2008	97⅝			10.540	10.487
97⅝	79⅝	Treas C	9¾%	1989	98¹⁵⁄₁₆			9.570	10.767
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37⅞	33⅞	War Ln	3½%		35⅞			9.909	9.909
41⅝	37⅛	Consols	2½%		40⅝			10.082	10.082
41⅝	37⅛	Conv	2½%		40⅝			7.988	7.988
41⅝	29⅝	Treas	2½%		39⅝			10.048	10.048
37⅞	29⅝	Consols	2½%		39⅝			9.941	10.065
	29⅝	Treas	2½%		39⅝			10.001	10.001

INDEX-LINKED

								(a)	(b)
117⅝	105⅝	Treas IL	2½%	1988	117			4.268	3.193
101⅛	91⅛	Treas IL	2½%	1990	101⅛			3.964	3.542
114⅝	101⅝	Treas IL	2½%	1995	113⅝			3.998	3.745
105⅝	97⅝	Treas IL	2½%	2001	105⅝			3.853	3.853
109⅝	95⅝	Treas IL	2½%	2006	105⅝			3.747	3.747
107⅝	95⅝	Treas IL	2½%	2006	105⅝			3.853	3.501
104⅝	95⅝	Treas IL	2½%	2008	97⅝			3.568	3.438
109⅝	101⅝	Treas IL	2½%	2011	105⅝			3.548	3.416
91⅝	85⅝	Treas IL	2½%	2013	90⅝			3.521	3.392
99⅝	91⅝	Treas IL	2½%	2016	93⅝			3.477	3.350
98⅝	91	Treas IL	2½%	2020	91½			3.421	3.308

Prospective real redemption yield on projected inflation rate (RPI) of (a) 5% and (b) 10%

BREWERIES

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div. pence	Yld %	P/E
238	150	Allied-Lyons	226	-3	18.7	3.9	16.2
91	47	Bass	864	+2	19.8	2.9	16.4
99	38	Belhaven	44		2.4	5.5	24.2
188	88	Boddingtons	99	+1	4.2	4.3	14.3
256	160	Brown (Matthew)	165	+3	10.2	6.2	23.2
119	88	Bulmer (H P)	117	+3	7.9	4.8	14.3
239	160	Burtonwood Brew	239				
168	108	Clark (Matthew)	165		10.0	6.5	18.0
780	480	Devenish (J A)	780		17.1	2.2	28.4
316	226	Distillers	316	+2	21.4	4.7	12.6
157	98	Greenall Whitley	154	+2	7.8	5.1	13.1
324	224	Greene King	324	+2	12.8	3.9	16.6
178	118	Guinness	178	+2	10.3	5.8	13.8
238	178	Hardys & Hansons	224	+10	12.6	5.6	15.1
168	122	Highland Dist	164		9.8	6.0	13.5
238	178	Ind Coope (Burt)	238		24.0	10.1	9.9
168	122	Irish Dist	168		9.8	5.8	13.8
238	164	Marston Thompson	238	+2	24.0	10.1	9.9
178	128	Morland	234		8.8	3.7	14.3
168	128	SA Breweries	117	+1			
168	128	Scot & New	168				
168	128	Swallgrave	164		10.1	4.6	12.9
238	164	Vaux	238	+2	14.3	3.0	15.5
238	164	Whitbread 'A'	238	+2	14.3	3.0	15.5
238	164	Whitbread Inv	238	+2	14.3	3.0	15.5
238	164	Wolverhampton & D	238		11.3	4.7	14.5
238	164	Young 'A'	238		8.8	3.7	19.4

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

165	98	Allied Irish	165		9.6	5.8	7.7
46	26	Amro Hdg (Henry)	46		1.8	3.9	36.3
282	226	Aus New Z	281	+2	15.8	5.6	
29	19	Bankamerica	210				
358	205	Bank Of Ireland	358		17.0	4.7	
167	107	Bank Leumi Israel	167				
238	215	Bank Leumi UK	238		19.0	8.0	16.1
434	351	Bank Of Scotland	442	+12	18.9	4.1	10.9
434	352	Barclays	434	+28	24.9	5.5	9.1

BUILDING AND ROADS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div. pence	Yld %	P/E
204	172	Aberdeen Constr	204		10.5	5.1	12.7
290	230	Amec	271	+1	15.7	5.8	10.7
95	39	Arnolite	95		0.1c	0.3	7.7
120	82	Ashtead	114		5.7	5.0	10.5
118	82	BPB Industries	118		11.0	9.3	10.4
118	204	Baggeridge Brick	218		9.5	3.9	13.7
129	94	Barratt Devs	129		10.5	8.1	
34	19	Bailey (Geo) Constr	25		0.4	1.4	5.9
151	113	Bellway	148	-2	10.0	6.8	8.9
78	51	Bestpond Concrete	62		5.4	8.8	32.6
78	51	Bett Bros	62		4.4	6.5	19.2
555	345	Blockleys	552	+10	32.9	5.7	12.9
208	158	Blue Circle	206	-2	20.6	4.9	8.1
245	184	Breedon&Cloud Hill	245		13.6	5.7	28.9
78	58	Brickhouse Duclay	78		4.8	7.5	11.2
88	55	Br Dredging	57		3.6	5.3	11.0
22	11	Brown&Jackson	22				
78	51	Brownlee	72		5.7	7.9	8.0
98	64	Bryant	94		4.7	5.0	10.2
20	20	Bulpitt & Hallam			12.5		
155	145	Calvebread Robey	149		4.4	3.0	24.7
91	59	Cement-Roadstone	77½		3.0	3.9	
73	42	Condor Grp	68		2.1	3.1	28.1
528	384	Costain	524		22.1	4.6	10.2
342	204	Countryside	338		7.5	2.2	9.8
116	84	Crouch (David)	108		7.9	7.6	29.2
116	84	Crouch (Gerald)	108		7.9	7.6	29.2
282	204	Dawn (Sidney)	282		8.1	2.5	13.8
78	45	Douglas (FM)	78		2.5	3.2	13.9
92	54	Eyton	88		4.1	4.7	12.0
113	68	Fec	94		4.1	4.4	7.6
58	58	Do 'A'	58		4.1	7.1	7.6
229	117	Finlay (Hugh)	214		8.5	4.0	25.4
118	84	Fitzpatrick	118		8.3	7.0	11.1
118	88	Galliford	118		8.3	7.0	13.0
282	204	Gibbs & Dandy Dfd	282		8.1	2.9	13.0
282	204	Gleeson (M J)	282		7.2	2.6	12.5
118	88	HAT	113		5.3	4.7	11.7
58	38	Halstead Bar					10.0
58	38	Hawden-Stuart	45		2.3	5.0	9.1
161	114	Heywood Williams	161		8.5	5.5	8.4
446	281	Higgs & Hill	446		18.3	4.2	11.9
174	129	Holliday Metrman	174		8.1	5.1	11.5
288	208	Jarvis (J) & Sons	288		25.0	8.4	10.2
328	188	Laing (J)	318		8.8	2.8	10.1
328	188	Do 'A'	318		8.8	2.8	10.1
97	67	Lawrence (Walter)	96		4.9	5.1	7.2
78	58	Lilley (F.J.C)	78		5.3	7.1	11.4
78	58	Lovell (Y.J)	78		5.3	6.8	15.1
687	687	Onoroto	1270		50.0	7.0	16.9
316	163	Provident	314	+1	15.7	5.0	13.2
178	98	Rea Bros	178		7.8	5.1	17.2
118	98	Rothschild (J) Hld	118		6.8	5.8	13.8
21½	15	Royl Bnk Of Can	21½	+½			
284	216	Royl Bnk Of Scot	284	+4	12.6	4.4	10.5
17½	7½	Schroders	21½	+½	20.4	2.3	18.8
78	36	Smith St Aubyn	38		1.8	2.5	3.6
543	422	Stand Chart	542	+3	42.1	8.8	7.3
748	628	Union	638	-10	52.5	8.4	8.1
98	56	Wagon	98		5.8	6.6	11.9
51½	39½	Wells Fargo	50½				
280	240	Wintrust	250		6.6	2.7	16.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

30½	23½	AKZO N/V Bearer	29½		4.8	16.5	
256	121	Allied Colloids	136		3.3	2.4	14.2
238	208	Associated	238		9.3	3.9	15.6
280	180	Anchor Chemical	280		6.1	2.2	15.6
128	51½	Bayer DM50	128		7.0	10.5	
128	108	Blagden	112		10.3	9.2	8.4
124	104	Brent Chems	117		5.1	4.4	15.5
117½	78	Br Bernzol	84				25.3
117	78	Br Tar Products	108		5.7	5.2	15.5
188	131	Canning (W)	188		8.1	6.1	12.5
264	131	Cattos	264		8.8	3.3	17.4
188	113	Coates Bros	188		8.8	4.5	7.4
18	14	Do 'A'	18		0.8	4.5	7.4
22	14	Cory (Horace)	19½		1.4	7.2	10.1
82	62	Crode	82		10.9	7.2	14.5
		Do Dfd	87				14.5
258	158	Ellis & Everard	156				15.3
188	178	Fosseo-Minerva	188		11.8	6.2	8.7
98	85	Halstead (James)	91		5.1	5.6	7.0
94	74	Hickson	94		21.4	8.8	8.8
238	188	Hoechst DM50	238				9.8
168	128	Imp Chem Ind	168		44.3	8.6	9.6
278	228	Laporte	278		18.5	4.0	15.2
108	84	Leigh	98		4.5	4.6	15.2
175	141	Plysu	175		9.1	1.6	18.5
188	128	Rankcrook Hdgs.	188		8.8	4.5	
128	94	Rentokil	128		3.6	2.7	26.6
188	94	SNIA BPD	142		11.1	5.5	9.5
143	98	Stewart Plastic	143		2.5e	3.7	11.3
98	98	Wolstenholme Rink	98				
97	58	Yorkshire Chem	96				

CINEMAS AND TV

173	120	Anglia TV 'A'	173		11.4	6.6	12.4
84	28	Grampian	81		2.4	2.7	7.0
168	118	HTV N/V	168	+5	11.0	6.5	7.7
297	218	HTV Hdgs	286		20.8	7.2	
164	128	Scot TV 'A'	164		12.7	7.8	6.7
155	119	TVS N/V	147		8.8	5.9	8.5
33	23	TSW	30		2.4	8.1	8.2

DRAPERY AND STORES

66	50½	Aquascutum 'A'	65	-½	3.2	4.9	24.7
168	51	Beales (James) 'A'	96		3.0	3.2	15.6
141	91	Bentalls	139	+1	3.1	2.2	28.3
92	45	Blacks Leis	50				
92	45	Bremner	54		1.7	3.2	47.5
297	226	Br Home Stores	297		16.0	5.4	17.5
98	68	Brown (N)	98		12.0	12.2	27.5
38	38	Burton	378	-10	12.1	3.1	20.9
98	68	Caird (A) &Sons	98		5.4	6.8	32.6
38	38	Carsons 'A'			2.9	3.4	21.8
38	38	Clarkson (S)	38		2.5	7.5	7.2
224	224	Church	240		20.7	8.1	11.4
87	87	Combined English	87		7.7	4.8	22.4
143	143	Courts (Furn) 'A'	143		6.7	6.5	10.1
674	674	Debenhams (LA)	674		27.0	4.0	16.8
524	524	Dixons Grp	544	+7	8.5	2.0	24.4
98	98	Do 'A'	98		8.5	2.0	24.4
371	371	Ellis & Goldstein	371		12.8	3.5	21.8
98	98	Elys (Wimbledon)	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Empire Stores	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Etam	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Executive Clothes					
98	98	Fine Art Dev	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Ford (Martin)					
98	98	Formomaker	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Freemans					
98	98	Galtex (A J)	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Kent SR	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Goldberg (A)					
98	98	Goldenhills Gp	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Gussion	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Gus	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Do 'A'	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Habitat Mothercare	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Harris Queensway	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Helene Of London	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Hepworth (J)	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Holler	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Home Charm	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	House Of Lerose	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Jones (Ernest)	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Ladies Pride	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Lee Cooper	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Liberty	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Mansfield Kilgour	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Marks & Spencer	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Mercules (John)	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Mothercare	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Moss Bros	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	NSS Newsagents	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Oliver (B)	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Owen Owen	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Peters Store	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Prouty (Albert)	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Ratners (Jewellers)	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Raybeck	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Rakusen	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Reed (Austin)	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Do 'A'	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	S E C U Stores	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Shepherd (H)	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Do 'A'	98		4.0	4.1	24.4
98	98	Sketchley	98		4

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Test Valley faces retail park battle

Taylor Woodrow Property wants to develop a 12-acre retail warehouse park on its Nursling Industrial Estate in Southampton. Talks are under way with Test Valley District Council for using a strip of land there. The site is ideal from a developers' viewpoint, being served by the M27 and the M271 from Southampton.

Taylor Woodrow says that several operators are interested in the scheme and the company will probably have to go to appeal and there is the likelihood of a public inquiry.

Retail warehousing is an active sector of the property market as is the City of London office market. Taylor Woodrow has ambitions in that direction as well. It is looking for an opportunity in the City, possibly on the fringes.

The company is pleased with its 22,250 sq ft development at New Bridge Street and it is convinced that this area will see exciting rental growth.

Taylor Woodrow was pipped at the Billingsgate post by London & Edinburgh Trust but it is still looking for a significant scheme in the Square Mile. It is not tempted by the prospect of buying sites at open tender thereby ruling out the Post Office site in St Martin's-le-Grand for which tenders close on November 29.

The question is whether Taylor Woodrow would want to be involved with its rival, Wimpey's site in Little Britain. Despite the hard-won planning permission for the 300,000 sq ft scheme, Wimpey is showing no signs of progress there and its property arm has been almost run down.

Meanwhile, Taylor Woodrow Property continues to deny that it is to be floated off but it does need to raise money for future development. The group's £42.5 million rights issue was not enough to finance large and expensive developments, and there is plenty of scope to raise gearing.

Safeway bond could lead way for new forms of financing

By Judith Huntley

Safeway Stores' £100 million deep discounted bond issue could lead the way for innovative forms of property financing. This is the view of Mr Robert Houston, a partner in Baring, Houston and Saunders, the firm of estate agents which is affiliated to Barings, the merchant bank.

Barings designed the novel form of financing property development for Safeway with its estate agent, but the implications for other companies who might issue similar bonds are widespread.

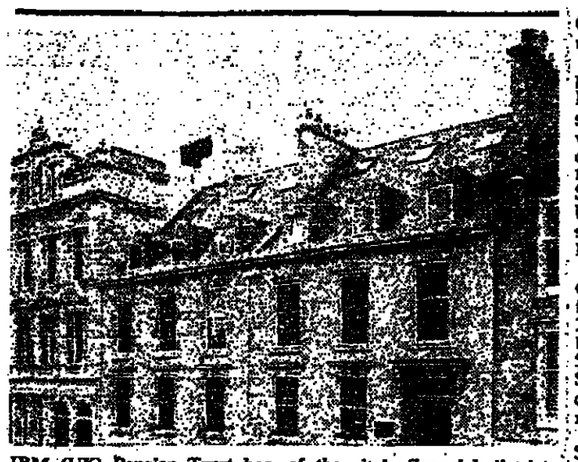
The bond issue replaced Safeway's normal sale and leaseback method of funding its store development programme.

The retail sector of the property market, being in expansionist mood, is a prime candidate for this kind of bond. And top retailers have a good enough covenant for potential investors to see a low risk investment.

Mr Houston believes that the deep discounted bond, the first to be offered for the British market will be invaluable for financing property which does meet normal institutional investment tests but which does have tenants who can afford to pay the five yearly "rent" rises involved.

The insurance companies and pension funds are not keen to invest in supermarket property nor property which is less than prime. But Mr Houston says the bond can benefit both investors and companies themselves.

The issuing companies keep their freehold property, an advantage over normal sale and leaseback arrangements and investors have guaranteed cash flows approximating to reviews on long leases. There are also some tax advantages in the bonds for both parties. Barings demonstrated to Safeway that the after-tax costs of the bond issue were less than those on sale and leaseback.



IBM (UK) Pension Trust has bought the freehold of the 23,700 sq ft Kintyre House in Glasgow from VICO Properties for £3.67 million. The building, in West George Street, the heart of the city's financial district, has been let to Coopers & Lybrand, the firm of accountants, at a starting rent of £184,000 a year with five-yearly reviews on the 25-year lease.

Financing property development is at a crossroads with unitization, syndication, leasing and other new forms of funding all being mooted. The institutions' disenchantment with property, although now fading, has led to a search for alternative sources of money. And few funds are willing to invest upwards of £50 million in one scheme.

Baring, Houston and Saunders argues that the Safeway bond has broken new ground by integrating the property financing market and the securities market. The merchant bank and the estate agents are working on other forms of funding new development as well as those for realizing existing property investments through the securities and related markets.

The long-term financing of Rosehaugh/Stanhope's Broadgate scheme will set the way for new methods of funding. Short-term cash for property development is readily available with the banks appearing to be eager to hand over large sums of money. But the long-term financing of schemes the size of Broadgate and others in the offing in the City of London has yet to be secured.

The normal institutional route looks unlikely with £300 million involved in one project, so new methods must appear.

Office buildings in the City of London represent one end of the spectrum where the financial institutions will be unlikely to commit themselves on too large a scale, due to the high cost.

The other extreme could be said to lie in property which has been shunned by the insurance companies and pension funds as being too high a risk. The thought of investing in industrial and warehouse properties in the Midlands and North of England make most fund managers pale visibly. But that is the kind of property bought by Aubrey Investments, the company set up by Mr Matthew Oakeshott, who will be leaving Courtaulds Pension Fund next month.

Mr Oakeshott bought 18 properties from Thorn EMI Pension Trust where there is scope for active management which will increase income and capital value. The financing of the purchase brought together Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank, and W. Greenwell, the stockbroker, both owned by the Midland Bank.

There was a private placing of £4.5 million, 11½ per cent first mortgage debenture stock 2020 for the acquisition, with a bridging loan coming from Standard Chartered Bank. Samuel Montagu has a 32 per cent stake in Aubrey Investments.

While Baring, Houston and Saunders propounds the virtue of the deep discounted bond, Texas Homecare, the wholly-owned subsidiary of the Home Charm Group, had completed a sale and leaseback for its central offices and distribution warehouse, in the Wellingborough enterprise zone, in Northamptonshire.

The novelty about this £9.1million sale and leaseback is that it is being undertaken by Security Pacific International Leasing (Europe) and Robert Fleming & Co. The lease is for 35 years at an initial annual rent of £772,500. The transaction was arranged on behalf of the purchasers by Baltic Developments and National Leasing & Finance Company.

National Leasing, a British company based in the City, also brought in Security Pacific to finance Marples International's 300,000 sq ft office development in London's enterprise zone, the Isle of Dogs.

National Leasing believes that enterprise zones offer tax advantages which can be used to interest investors, particularly foreign banks, in developments which might not show adequate returns on normal institutional tests – the very market at which Barings is aiming its deep discount bond.

City office builders expect space bonus

● Hard on the heels of the news that the City of London planners want to encourage developers to build eight million sq ft of office space in the Square Mile, comes the announcement that drastic changes in calculating plot ratios could bring that figure to 17 million sq ft.

Mr Michael Cassidy, deputy chairman of the corporation's planning committee, said this week that the corporation intends dramatically changing plot ratios in the City.

Basement space is being taken out of future calculations, allowing the amount of space to be added to usable area in new buildings.

Plot ratio changes are not the only ones afoot. The corporation intends to remove policies which appeared in the draft City plan to protect industrial and warehousing space. It recognizes that the protection of certain types of user is often anomalous, given that many have ceased to operate in the City, which is predominantly a financial and office centre.

The corporation came in for much criticism for the fact that the draft plan would have made 70 per cent of the Square Mile a conservation area. That is to change, with a general policy welcoming office development. In future secondary buildings which are not listed are likely to be redeveloped if desired.

● Ravenseft Properties, part of Land Securities, has let it 22,650 sq ft office building, The Broadwalk, Ealing, west London, to British Telecom at a rent of £12.50 a sq ft. BT has also taken a lease on the adjoining shop.

Both buildings are part of the Ealing Broadway Centre which covers 12 acres and has 300,000 sq ft of shopping. BT was represented by Jones Lang Wootton and Bernard Thorpe & Partners and Land Securities by Richard Ellis.

● Slough Estates, has taken a 26 per cent stake in CHUSA, a New York leveraged buyout company. A leveraged buy out is similar to a management buyout in Britain.

Slough is being joined by the Globe and Electra investment trusts, J Rothschild Holdings and Charterhouse Japhet. Charterhouse Group International is advising Slough, which has also bought a 5 per cent stake in Mezzanine Capital Corporation, which provides finance for leveraged buyouts.

Slough's total investment is $14 million. The company says its latest venture is similar to investing in property by benefiting from gearing and realizing future investment.

● Norcros has bought the freehold of the Halfords Lane Industrial Estate, Smethwick, west Midlands, from private investors for £3 million.

Crittal Techtonic, part of Norcros, occupies 270,000 sq ft of space on the 16-acre estate. Techtonic will occupy less space, releasing 160,000 sq ft of office, factory and warehouse space to the market.

The private investors, represented by Symon Smith & Partners, bought the freehold three years ago from the Church Commissioners, who had bought the estate from Crittall Hope Windows, then controlled by the Slater Walker Company, in 1969.

Colliers Bigwood & Bewlay will let the space for Norcros.

● London & Metropolitan Estates has let its 43,000 sq ft mixed use building at its Orangebowl development at Woking, Surrey, to STO Storage Technology at a rent of £7.75 a sq ft.

STO, a wholly-owned subsidiary of STO Corporation of America, has taken a 25-year lease on the space, which will be its British headquarters. The letting agents are Grant & Partners and Richard Ellis.

APPOINTMENTS

James Capel & Company: Mr Peter Quinnen will succeed Mr Keith Heathcote as chairman and chief executive on January 1. Mr Heathcote will continue as deputy chairman until his retirement on December 31 1986.

Thorn EMI: Mr J. R. Crathorne has been made chief executive of Thorn EMI Major Domestic Appliances.

Tesco Stores: Dr Richard Pugh has joined as technical services director.

The Berkeley Group: Mr Brian Davies becomes financial director.

Kitcat Aitken & Safran: Mr Dale Gibson has become vice-president.

Simon Engineering Dudley: Mr John Vandore has joined as sales and marketing director.

PRIVATbanken: Mr Ivan Rasmussen is to become head of treasury. Mr James Roe becomes head of the customer treasury group and Mr Michael Leighton becomes head of the interbank group.

Cooper Industries: Mr Roy Kettle has been elected non-executive chairman. Mr Morris Davies joins the board as an executive director.

French Kier Holdings: Mr M. B. Jardine has been made managing director of Kier International.

Ashton-Tate (UK): Mr John Bullock has been made technical support director.

McCain Foods: Mr Doug Frawley becomes the United Kingdom marketing director.

Vickers da Costa: Mr Judd Kinne has been named a director.

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Law Report November 7 1985 Court of Appeal

Prison governor has power to separate mother and baby

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Hickling and Another
Before Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Glidewell and Sir Edward Eveleigh
[Judgment delivered November 6]

The Court of Appeal confirmed that a prison governor had authority, without referring the matter to the Secretary of State for the Home Department, to separate a mother and baby in his custody because of the mother's behaviour towards her own child and the effect it was having on other children in the mother and baby unit.

The court dismissed an appeal by the applicants, Dionne Hickling and J.H. (a minor) from the decision of Mr Justice Tudor Price on August 20, 1985 (*The Times* August 21, 1985) refusing them declaratory relief against the secretary of state.

Mr Stephen Sedley, QC and Mr *Edward Fitzgerald for the mother*; Mr John Laws and Mr Christopher Symons for the secretary of state.

SIR EDWARD EVELEIGH, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that in April 1985 the applicant mother, aged 17, had been sentenced to 12 months' youth custody. She was allocated to a youth custody centre from which she applied to have her four month old baby with her.

She was therefore transferred on May 1, 1985, to an open prison with a mother and baby unit. On July 24, 1985, she was separated from her child and returned to the youth custody centre, and the child was taken into care by the local authority under section 11 (1) (b) of the Child Care Act 1980.

The mother complained that the governor of the prison should not have terminated the permission granted to her under rule 9(3) of the Prison Rules (SI 1964 No 388) without reference to the secretary of state; or alternatively, that in withdrawing the permission the governor had acted in breach of the rules of natural justice. The judge had refused to grant declarations to that effect and the mother now appealed.

It was submitted on her behalf that for the separation of a mother and child and their removal from a mother and baby unit there had to be consideration of the particular case by the secretary of state. Though he might delegate to an official of his department, that did not include a prison governor: see *Vine v National Dock Labour Board* ([1957] AC 488).

His Lordship referred to the statutory provisions. Section 47(1) of the Prison Act 1952 empowered the secretary of state to make rules for the regulation and management of the institutions within the prison department. Clearly not every aspect of the control of each prisoner could be dealt with by the secretary of state himself.

Rule 9(3) of the Prison Rules 1964 provided "The secretary of state may, subject to any conditions he thinks fit, permit a woman prisoner to have her baby with her in prison...".

In 1983 the secretary of state issued a circular to all prison establishments for women and girls, laying down the criteria for admission to a mother and baby unit. It provided that the final decision should rest with the governor of the establishment where the unit was located: see Circular *Instruction No 51/1983, Standing* Order Amendment No 358 (1983).

In the present case, the governor became concerned with the intolerable behaviour of the mother towards her baby and the unsettling effect that was having on other babies in the unit. He concluded that the applicants should be separated and removed from the unit. The visiting paediatrician was asked to comment and he did not make a recommendation against separation.

In their Lordships' view, the proper analysis was as follows. The secretary of state had laid down general conditions for the admission and retention of a mother and child. Rule 19 (3) empowered him so to do. The conditions applicable to each prisoner would obviously vary, though some might apply to all.

It was clear from the circular that a prisoner's admission and retention were conditional upon the presence of the mother and child in the unit not being detrimental to the child or to others in the unit. Such a condition was clearly dictated by common sense.

It was quite unrealistic to suggest that the applicant's behaviour should be the subject of special consideration by the secretary of state since the governor was the best person to judge. He was called upon to make decisons as to a prisoner's behaviour every day.

When the welfare of a prioner's child and that of other children in a unit was involved, decisions might have to be taken urgently. *Vine v National Dock Labour Board* dealt with a very different situation. A prisoner had the advantage of the protection afforded by the prison committee and the board of visitors.

It was not a case where the secretary of state had delegated his authority to terminate permission to be in a mother and baby unit. He had laid down conditions which had to be fulfilled and it was right to allow the governor to decide whether or not those conditions were being kept.

Solicitors: Ms Marie Staunton; Treasury Solicitor.

No conflict in visitor's duties

Regina v Board of Visitors of Frankland Prison, Ex parte Lewis
Before Mr Justice Woolf
[Judgment delivered October 30]

Since members of boards of visitors were required by Parliament to carry out both administrative and judicial functions in a prison, a member of a board of visitors, sitting in his judicial capacity on an adjudication of a disciplinary offence was not required by the rules of natural justice to disqualify himself from sitting on the basis that he had knowledge, gained from performing his administrative functions, of the background of the prisoner charged with the offence.

Mr Justice Woolf so held in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing an application by Kenneth Paul Lewis for judicial review of an adjudication by the board of visitors of Frankland Prison on July 20, 1984.

Mrs Margaret Bickford-Smith for the applicant; Mr James Holdsworth for the board of visitors.

MR JUSTICE WOOLF said that the board of visitors came to the conclusion that the applicant had committed an offence in that he had in his cell a controlled drug.

The grounds for the application arose from the fact that the applicant thought he recognized the chairman of the board of visitors at the hearing but was unable to place him and only after the hearing realized that the chairman was the member of the local review committee who had seen him for the purpose of the parole board considering in due course whether he should be released on parole.

The applicant said that in consequence of the visit the chairman would have known details of earlier convictions and charges, including a drug related offence.

It was submitted on behalf of the applicant that an adjudication which had taken place in those circumstances involved a breach of the rules of natural justice.

It was important to bear in mind the role of boards of visitors of prisons. It was clearly established that where they were adjudicating on disciplinary offences, they were acting in a judicial capacity and under a duty to conduct the proceedings in a judicial and fair manner.

In addition to their judicial function boards of visitors had administrative functions.

Those functions were dealt with in the Prison Act 1952 which provided that rules should prescribe the functions of boards of visitors and should require members to pay frequent visits to prison and to hear any complaints which might be made by the prisoners and to report to the secretary of state any matter which they considered it expedient to report and provided that any member might at any time enter the prison and should have free access to every part of it and to every prisoner. Prison rules amplified those provisions.

Prison rules also dealt with the adjudicatory functions of boards of visitors. They provided that the more serious offences against discipline should be dealt with by the board rather than the governor.

His Lordship referred to the dual functions of boards of visitors because it was obvious that when both those functions were taken into account it was frequently going to occur that a member of the board hearing proceedings into disciplinary offences would know a substantial amount about a particular prisoner.

In addition to their duties as members of the board of visitors, members were required to sit on local review committees to report on the suitability of prisoners for release on licence. It was because of the last-mentioned responsibility that the chairman who adjudicated on the proceedings had visited the applicant.

The chairman deposed that as far as parole was concerned, the applicant was considered on June 27, 1984. He had seen the applicant on June 22, 1984 when the discussion included the circumstances of his current offence. He said that by July 20, 1984 the circumstances were no longer in his mind and he had not seen the applicant's file since June 27, 1984.

The chairman said that at the adjudication on July 20 he recognized the applicant but did not recall the particulars of the file or other offences relating to the applicant.

Having regard to the administrative functions of boards of visitors, those functions which they were required to perform under the rules meant that members frequently had knowledge of the background of a prisoner.

With regard to the problem which arose in the application, a distinction could and had to be drawn between the situation of a member of the board of visitors and of a magistrate.

It was inevitable, having regard to the functions of boards of visitors, apart from those of hearing charges of a disciplinary nature, that members must know more about those appearing before them than would normally be the case with magistrates.

In considering whether there had been a departure from natural justice, boards of visitors, like justices, undoubtedly, had a discretion which they should carefully exercise not to proceed with disciplinary proceedings and to require a different panel, if they considered it was not possible to proceed fairly and justly, having regard to their background knowledge.

In exercising that discretion, they should take into account the administrative functions they had to perform and bear in mind that they were required to adjudicate upon certain offences because Parliament was satisfied that they were the body to deal with offences of that sort.

It was important that those who adjudicated on offences against discipline had knowledge of the workings of the prisons. Boards of visitors should not be too ready to regard a general background knowledge of a particular prisoner as something which made it desirable not to continue with the adjudication of a disciplinary charge.

In the present proceedings a reasonable and fair-minded person would not regard the chairman as being disqualified from hearing the charge which the applicant faced. Although it was of great importance that boards of visitors should exercise their judiciary functions in a fair and just manner, the application was not made out.

Solicitors: Wilson Maddison & Co, Durham; Treasury Solicitor.

Effect of severing joint tenancy

(Goodman v Gallant
Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Purchas and Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce.
[Judgment delivered October 30]

The severance of an expressly declared beneficial joint tenancy led to a tenancy in common in equal shares and the proportionate beneficial interests in the tenancy in common which followed upon severance could not be the subject of inquiry by the court under the law of resulting and constructive trusts.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by Mrs Patricia Goodman from the order of Mr Justice Hollis who upheld the registrar who, on the plaintiff's summons for an inquiry and declaration against the defendant as to their respective beneficial interests in a house, held that they held the property on trust for themselves in equal shares.

In 1971 the plaintiff's husband had left the house and later the defendant started to live with her. They purchased the husband's interest, clause 2 of the conveyance providing:

"The purchasers hereby declare as follows: (a) the purchasers shall hold the property upon trust to sell the same with power to postpone the sale thereof and shall hold the net proceeds of the sale... until sale upon trust for themselves as joint tenants."

The plaintiff later severed the tenancy. She believed that the effect of the purchase from her husband was to leave her owning three-quarters of the house and the defendant one quarter. The defendant asserted that his own intention was that the property should be held by the two of them as beneficial joint tenants.

Mr Timothy Scott for the plaintiff. Mr Bernard Devlin for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE SLADE, giving the judgment of the court, said that if the conveyance had contained no express trust for sale and no declaration as to the beneficial interests, a trust for sale would still have arisen through the combined effects of sections 34-36 of the Law of Property Act 1925.

However, those sections, while importing a trust for sale in certain cases where it would not otherwise have arisen, were merely designed to simplify the mechanics of conveyancing and had no effect whatever on the nature and extent of the respective beneficial interests in the proceeds of sale of the several persons interested.

Accordingly the provisions of clause 2(a) of the conveyance, by which express trusts were declared, could not be regarded as otiose: the position was quite the contrary.

In a case where a conveyance was to two or more persons as joint tenants but neither the conveyance nor any other written document contained any express declaration of trust, the way was open for persons claiming a beneficial interest in it or its proceeds of sale to rely on the doctrine of resulting, implied or constructive trusts.

But where the relevant conveyance contained an express declaration of trust which comprehensively declared the beneficial interests in the property or its proceeds of sale, there was no room for the application of the doctrine unless and until the conveyance was set aside or rescinded; until that event the declaration spoke for itself.

Sections 34-36 did not enable or assist a person to establish a beneficial interest in land or its proceeds of sale greater than or different from any interest which he would have enjoyed if those sections had not been enacted.

It was to be made clear that the many decisions dealing with conveyances without any declaration were clearly distinguishable from cases where a express declaration had been made.

In *Bedson v Bedson* ([1965] 2QB 666), the reasoning of Lord Justice Davies could no longer be relied on, and the suggestion of Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, that the effect of section 36 was to make the inclusion or omission of an express declaration of trust irrelevant was not a tenable one. The reasoning of Lord Justice Russell, the minority, who reiterated his own reasoning in the earlier case *Wilson v Wilson* ([1963] 1WLR 601) represented the more correct approach.

Their Lordships thought it right to state their conclusions in a full and considered judgment because they had been told that the conflicting views of Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, and Lord Justice Russell occasioned considerable difficulty in lower courts in cases where a conveyance into joint names contained a declaration of a beneficial joint tenancy. They hoped their judgment would lay that controversy to rest.

It also illustrated the importance of the presence or absence of a declaration of trust in conveyance into joint names and of the form of any such declaration – points which the draftsmen of such conveyances would no doubt carefully bear in mind.

Solicitors: Gregson Owles & Roach, Shoeburyness; Parker Fogg & Pinsent, Hornchurch.

Breach of court order

In re H

Deliberate breaches of a non-molestation order, so as to cause alarm to the occupants of the house where the breaches occurred, merited a penal sentence but it was not possible to lay down sentencing guidelines for such cases and each had to be dealt with on its own facts.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Mustill and Lord Justice Balcombe) so stated on November 4, in allowing an appeal by the defendant and thereby reducing to three months a sentence of nine months imprisonment imposed on him on July 15, 1985, for contempt of an order of the High Court.

LORD JUSTICE FOX said that the plaintiff, who had a child by the defendant but was not married to him, obtained a High Court order in April 1985 restraining the defendant from, *inter alia*, assaulting or molesting her and coming within a quarter mile radius of her grandparents' home where she lived.

The order was served on the defendant endorsed with a penal notice, and he had broken the order in circumstances which caused considerable alarm to the occupants of the house. That was not to be regarded lightly.

It was of importance that such orders should be obeyed and some punishment was necessary to ensure they were obeyed.

FOOTBALL: THIS WEEKEND'S COUPONS ARE WITHDRAWN TO PREVENT MORE MONEY BEING LOST

Clubs blamed as Top Score fund-raising pool collapses

Top Score, the football pool which was launched amid claims it would ease the professional game's financial problems, has collapsed.

The National Sports Pool Limited, who started the competition at the beginning of the season, have withdrawn this weekend's Top Score coupons before any more money is lost. They hope to come up with an alternative fund-raising competition within the next six weeks.

Top Score failed to live up to hopes that it would generate millions of pounds which would to to ailing League clubs. It could not compete with the major pools companies which pay the Football League for the use of the fixtures.

Some clubs have lost money and few have made anything more than a modest profit. Several clubs dropped out of the scheme altogether in recent weeks.

The Crystal Palace chairman Ron Noades, who is also managing director of The National Sports Pool Limited, blamed the clubs themselves for Top Score's failure. He said: "We had 85 English and Scottish League clubs in the scheme when it started and if they had all operated in the proper manner, it would have been successful. Our sales force was the clubs themselves. We were dependent on them, but if they chose not to sell Top Score in areas where they were already selling their own lottery tickets, we could not stop them."

Customers had to select the six highest-scoring teams from a list of 49, and a new simplified coupon had only just been introduced.

The withdrawal of Brighton, who were selling more coupons than anyone but still not recovering their costs, was the final straw.

Noades said: "Many clubs wanted to keep the competition going, but so little money will be available for prizes after tax has been paid that we have no alternative but to pull out."

Like the pools, 42 per cent of Top Score's income went to the government and The National Sports Pool are now looking at competitions which will not be taxed so heavily, such as lotteries or spot-the-ball.

Noades said: "People have not given Top Score enough time. They expected to make a profit from the first week.

We have found it difficult at Crystal Palace. It has been a long haul but you have to try and build up sales. But I'm certain that clubs will want to stick together in some form of national fund-raising."

In a statement to the member clubs the organisers said "We regret to inform you that the board of the National Sports Pool Limited have reluctantly had to make the decision to remove the present coupon from the market and withdraw from participation in the pools business, for the time being at least.

"It has become more and more clear that regardless of the effort the clubs are putting into marketing the coupon the overwhelming problem detrimental to the success of the scheme is the 42 per cent tax which we are forced to pay to the government on gross income.

"This has reduced our ability to pay a reasonably attractive prize which we need to make our pools interesting to the public irrespective of the good cause of the proceeds and stake money might be supporting, namely football and other local sports, etc."

"The company will now look urgently at producing an alternative to the present pools coupon, but one which will be a viable proposition, where tax at this very high level of 42 per cent will not need to be paid.

"We are conscious of the fact that 118 clubs are shareholders in The National Sports Pool, 85 of which initially participated in the Top Score scheme and it is important that the clubs still remain together pooling their sales ability and resources towards some form of national competition which could be beneficial to all and interested to the public.

"This decision is extremely disappointing to the staff and participants in the National Sports Pool but the directors really feel they have no alternative in the circumstances, when so little is available for expenses and prizes out of stake money after tax has been paid.

"This decision is with immediate effect and there will be no competition on Saturday, November 9, 1985."



Silence is golden: Serena scores for Juventus in the deserted Stadio Comunale

Exiles take high road on return to Scotland

Melbourne (Reuter) – Three players rejected by Scottish football will be returning to their homeland later this month to play at the highest level, for Australia against Scotland in a play-off for a place in the World Cup finals next year.

Joe Watson, Ken Murphy and David Mitchell have been influential figures in Australia's progress, as winners of the Oceania group, to a decider against the Scots over two legs, the first of which is at Hampden Park on November 20, with the return in Australia on December 4.

Watson and Murphy, both wingers, played for Dundee United; Watson, aged 33, had limited success in the first team in the early 1970s, but Murphy had to be content with reserve football, making one appearance in the first team, as substitute against Morton in December 1974.

Mitchell, a forward, is a recent Scottish export, born in Glasgow but raised in Australia, his father sent him back home to Rangers in 1983. He left the club earlier this year, convinced there was no future for him at Ibrox.

Watson summed up the attitude of the squad: "I don't know a single guy on the team who wouldn't trade his granny for victory against the Scots."

Another Scot, Eddie Thomson, the Australians' coach, who was a notable player for the Heart of Midlothian and Aberdeen, said of Murphy: "Kenny's mean, he's a hard man".

The captain, John Kosmina, also has a point to prove in Britain, after falling with Arsenal six years ago. "I was a bit rebellious, a bit arrogant, a little bit immature. But I've tried to prove myself since . . . I came back from the dead," he said.

The unprecedented success of the manager, Frank Arok, since he took over the national team two years ago has carried its fair share of controversy and his total commitment has brought him into conflict with both players and officials.

In Tel Aviv last month, he was sent off during the qualifying game against Israel for screaming a protest from the bench over a tackle on one of his players.

Australia clinched the group leadership by beating New Zealand 2-0 in their final tie at the weekend, and Arok is determined that this is not the end of the road for his team.

Australia last qualified for the World Cup finals in 1974 but Arok's current side is the best the country has produced, combining British discipline and steel with Latin flair.

Not surprisingly, Scotland's national coaching director, Andy Roxburgh, made copious notes during the New Zealand tie and said the Australians would be treated with the same respect as Brazil or West Germany.

GYMNASTICS

Soviet women shrug off slip-ups

Montreal (Reuter) – Yuri Korolev and his Soviet colleagues were expected to win the opening title of the world championships late last night, having been taught a cautionary lesson by the female members of their team.

Korolev, the overall individual gold medal winner from 1981, led the Soviet Union into the optional exercises with a healthy 2.45-point lead over East Germany in the men's team competition.

The disasters which befell the Soviet women, Natalia Yurchenko and Elena Shoushaounova, on the asymmetric bars on Tuesday night will have reminded Korolev that nothing is guaranteed.

Miss yurchenko, the reigning individual world champion, watched in disbelief as the European title holder, Miss Shoushounova, twice dropped from the bars during the compulsory exercises. Then, within two minutes, Miss Yurchenko herself came to grief on the apparatus, thudding onto the mat after failing to complete a full rotation on the higher bar.

At the end of the evening, the Soviet contingent stormed out of the arena, refusing to attend the press conference. But the surprising failure of two of the sport's biggest names – Miss Shoushounova, aged 15, won four of the five gold medals available at last May's European championships and was widely expected to succeed Miss Yurchenko as the new queen of gymnastics here – did not upset the Soviet momentum.

They recovered to produce a remarkable series of scores on the beam, which ensured the Soviet Union held a significant lead in the team standings, ahead of the Olympic champions, Romania.

Olga Mostepanova, the world beam champion, led the way on the apparatus with a perfect 10 score.

WOMEN'S TEAM: Leading standings (after compulsory exercises): 1, Soviet Union, 195.900 pts; 2, Romania, 193.450; 3, East Germany, 192.875; 4, Bulgaria, 191.825; 5, Czechoslovakia, 191.275; 6, China, 190.725.

WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL: Leading standings: 1, O Mostepanova (USSR), 39.375; 2, E Szabo (Rom), 39.175; 3, O Omeliantchik (USSR), 38.125; 4, I Barakanova (USSR), 38.100; 5, N Yurchenko (USSR), 38.000; 6, D Kersten (ES), 38.975.

IN BRIEF

England in line to play Scots

England could meet Scotland in the semi-finals of the qualifying tournament in the Thomas and Uber Cups, the men's and women's world badminton team championships.

England's men are seeded to meet Scotland in the semi-finals of next year's qualifying tournament in Mulheim, West Germany, from February 19 to 23. In the Uber Cup, England's women will also meet Scotland in the semi-finals, provided the Scots overcome Sweden.

DRAWS: Thomas Cup: Group A: Denmark, West Germany, Mauritius, Belgium. Group B: Sweden, Austria, Zambia, France, Iceland. Group C: Scotland, Netherlands, Mozambique, Ireland, Sweden. Group D: England, Wales, Nigeria, Norway, Finland. Uber Cup: Group A: England, Netherlands, West Germany, Wales, Iceland. Group B: Sweden, Scotland, Zambia, Australia, Sweden. Group C: Netherlands, USSR, France, Norway, Iceland. Group D: Denmark, Poland, Nigeria, Belgium, Finland.

ICE HOCKEY: Mickey Curry, a referee, has been suspended by the British Ice Hockey Association pending inquiries into an incident involving a spectator during the Cleveland-Altrincham – Norwich Union Cup game on October 5.

TENNIS: Jane Wood, the last remaining British player in the LTA women's indoor tournament at Peterborough, was beaten in the quarter-finals by a West German, Christina Singer, 6-2, 7-6.

GgolF: Craig Defoy, has been appointed as the Welsh Golf Union's first national coach.

SNOOKER: Mark Bennett, the Welsh champion, opened the world amateur championships at the Tower Ballroom, Blackpool, with a 4-3 victory over the England international and last year's beaten semi-finalist, Jon Wright.

BOXING: Michael Spinks, the first light-heavyweight to win a world heavyweight championship, says he intends to pursue his career as a heavyweight. "My main goal is to emulate the world championship title".

TENNIS

Drug testing approved by council

The Men's International Professional Tennis Council have approved mandatory drug testing of players, AP reports. The rule specifically applies to cocaine, heroin and amphetamines and will take effect with the 1986 Nabisco Grand Prix tour. The drug testing was recommended by the Association of Tennis Professionals.

The announcement was made by Mike Davis, MPTC chairman. The testing, by an independent expert selected by the ATP, will be authorized during a calendar year at any two of the five largest tournaments – the French Open, Wimbledon, the United States Open, Australian Open, and the Lipton International Players Championships.

All players entered in the selected tournaments are subject to testing. Those who refuse would be subject to suspension, as would those who refuse to submit to treatment if their test results indicate drug use.

● STOCKHOLM (Reuter) – Thierry Tulasne (France) beat Mats Wilander (Sweden), 1–6, 6–3, 6–3, in the first round of the Stockholm grand prix tournament.



Wilander: Stockholm defeat

Hegarty goal scotches Skopje

Paul Hegarty's 14th-minute goal in Yugoslavia helped Dundee United into the third round of the UEFA cup at the expense of Vardar Skopje yesterday. Darko Pancev, Skopje's Yugoslav international forward, equalized in the 25th minute but the score remained 1-1, giving the Scots a 3-1 overall margin.

Juventus, the European Cup holders secured their expected place in the quarter-finals when they beat fellow-Italians Verona 2-0 behind closed doors at the Stadio Communale in Turin.

Their French midfield player Michel Platini sent them on their way with a penalty after 19 minutes and Aloo Serena added a second goal five minutes after the interval to gain a 2-0 aggregate victory in their second round, second leg tie.

The penalty incident came after 19 minutes when Verona's West German defender, Hans-Pieter Briegel, appeared to touch the ball with his arm in front of goal. But Briegel said afterwards: "I stopped the ball quite clearly with my chest. It's impossible to call it handball."

Juventus, who had to play in an empty stadium as punishment for their supporters' involvement in the tragedy at the European Cup final in Brussels last May, were joined in the last eight by the Swedish champions Göteborg and Steaua Bucharest.

Göteborg completed a 5–2 aggregate victory over Fenerbahce despite losing 2–1 in Turkey while Steaua overturned a 1–0 deficit from the first leg to win 4–2 on aggregate against Honved Budapest. Tufekci gave Fenerbahce the lead on the hour, but Larsson equalised four minutes later to restore the Swedes' four-goal margin. Tuzun scored again for the Turks five minutes from time.

The UEFA Cup holders, Real Madrid, drew 0–0 with Odessa in front of a partisan 41,500 crowd in the Soviet Black Sea port to reach the third round 2–1 on aggregate.

Three Spanish players were cautioned. Real's beaten opponents in last season's final, Videoton of Hungary, were held to a 1–1 draw and beaten 2–1 on aggregate by Legia Warsaw. Dziekanowski equalized for Warsaw in the 78th minute after Novath had given the visitors a lead in the 35th minute.

Cologne, who won their first leg 4–0 at home, scored four more goals in Czechoslovakia to beat Bohemians Prague 8–2 on aggregate. Hajduk Split, of Yugoslavia, also reached the third round with a 3–1 home win over Torino which gave them a 4–2 aggregate victory.

Doncaster Rovers settle on Cusack

Dave Cusack has been offered the player-manager's job at Doncaster Rovers. The 29-year-old central defender, who previously played for Sheffield Wednesday, Southend and Millwall, took charge following the departure of Billy Bremner to Leeds United a fortnight ago.

It was suggested that the former Leeds manager Eddie Gray, would change places with Bremner, but the Doncaster chairman, Ian Jones, said: "Everyone has been very impressed with Dave. The decision of the board was unanimous."

Cusack has yet to agree to a contract but he said: "I want the job and I don't forsee any problems." He will become the youngest manager in the Football League.

The 25-year-old Steve Beaglehole – one of the youngest men to gain an FA coaching badge four years ago – is promoted to youth and reserve team manager. Cusack is now looking for an assistant who has had managerial experience or who "can do a player-coaching job for us".

● Billy Bremner has terminated the contract of Peter Lorimer, his former colleague in the Leeds United and Scotland teams. Lorimer, now aged 38, joined Leeds in 1962 for the first team. He said yesterday that he was "disappointed" and that he would be looking for a player-manager's job.

● The Sheffield Wednesday goalkeeper, Martin Hodge, is due to make his 100th consecutive League appearance on Saturday, a landmark that is especially welcome in view of his checkered medical history. Before his signing from Everton in the Autumn of 1983 in a £50,000 deal he underwent three opertions in two years. "At times I thought of finishing," he said. "I've been through the bad times, playing with Everton's third team at places like Barrow, Chester and Morecambe."

● Celtic have completed the signing of Mark McGhee from Hamburg in a deal worth just under £200,000. The 28-year-old forward, who previously played with Aberdeen, is likely to make his debut against Rangers on Saturday. The transfer includes an agreement for the two clubs to meet at Parkhead, probably in December.

● Sunderland, relegated from the first division last season made a profit of £581,420 in the financial year ending May 31, because of their success in reaching the Milk Cup final. Match receipts were up by £615,246, which has resulted in the bank overdraft being reduced to £73,771.

● The Gola League champions, Wealdstone, will play Coventry City at Lower Mead on Monday (7.30), as part of the deal when Wealdstone's full back, Stuart Pearce, moved to Coventry in October 1983. Pearce has since moved on to Nottingham Forest.

● Gary Roberts, the Brentford winger, who has been out all season after an ankle operation in August, has resumed training and could be back in action within three weeks.

Yesterday's results

UEFA Cup

Second round, second leg

VARDAR SKPJ (1) 1 Pancev, DUNDEE UTD (1) 1 Heggarty, 30,000

United win 3-1 on aggregate

OTHER MATCHES: Odessa 0, Real Madrid 0 (agg 1-2); Legia Warsaw 1, Videoton (Hun) 1 (agg 2-1); Bohemians Prague 2, FC Cologne 4 (agg 2-8); Hajduk Split 3, Torino 1 (agg 4-2); Dnepr Dnepropetrousk 1, PSV Eindhoven 0 (agg 3-2).

EUROPEAN CUP: Second round, second leg: Steaua Bucharest 4, Honved Budapest 1 (agg 4-2); Fenerbahce 2, Göteborg 1 (agg 2-3); Juventus 2, Verona 0 (agg 2-0).

EUROPEAN CUP WINNER'S CUP: Second round, second leg: Fram Reykjavid 2, Rapid Vienna (agg 2-4); Dynamo Kiev 3, Universitatea Craiova (Rom) 0 (agg 5-2); Dynao Dresden 7, HJK Helsinki 2 (agg 7-0).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Arsenal 1, Tottenham 1; Bristol Rovers 6, Crystal Palace 1; Charlton 3, Portsmouth 0; Luton 1, Norwich 0; Swansea 1, Millwall 4.

UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Exeter University 2, Southampton 0.

OTHER MATCH: Wycombe 1, Oxford University 1.

RUGBY UNION

UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: University College London 48, City University 9.



Peter Lorimer: released by Bremner

Walsall shadow leaders

Walsall lost a 3–0 half-time lead but recovered to beat Cardiff City 6–3 and move into second place in the third division on Tuesday night.

"Shakespeare, Elliott and Cross put Walsall well in command by the break, but Mullen (penalty), Christie and Vaughan put Cardiff level by the 72nd minute. Back came Walsall in the final quarter of an hour, with another goal from Shakespeare and two in two minutes by Elliott.

Cardiff went to the bottom as Darlington, with only one point from eight previous away games, won 3–0 at Bolton Wanderers, where the crowd of 2,902 was the lowest ever for a League game at Burnden Park.

Preston North End had their worst League attendance, 2,007, to see their 1–0 afternoon defeat by Scunthorpe United. Burnley attracted their smallest postwar gate, 2,200, to see them beat Mansfield Town 2–1 in a snowstorm; and there were fewer than 1,300 at Crewe and Rochdale.

Hull City will meet Manchester City in the northern area final of the Full Members' Cup after a 3–1 extra-time win over Middlesbrough. Whitehurst scored twice in the extra period.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

THIRD DIVISION: Bolton Wanderers 0, Darlington 3; Bristol Rovers 2, Bury 1; Doncaster Rovers 2, Wigan Athletic 2; Plymouth Argyle 2, Bournemouth 1; Swansea City 1, Chesterfield 1; Walsall 6, Cardiff City 3; Wolverhampton Wanderers 2, Blackpool 1.

FOURTH DIVISION: Burnley 2, Mansfield Town 1; Crewe Alexandra 1, Orient 3; Northampton Town 2, Tranmere Rovers 2; Rochdale 1, Exeter City 1.

FULL MEMBERS' CUP: Semi-final (north): Hull City 3, Middlesbrough 1 (aet – after 90 mins).

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Second round, second leg: Galatasaray (Turkey) 1, Bayer Urdingen (West Germany) 1 (Urdingen win 3–1 on aggregate).

GOLA LEAGUE: Bob Lord Trophy: Second round, first leg: Enfield 1, Dartford 2.

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Chorley 3, Oswestry 1.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Grimsby 1, Sunderland 2; Middlesbrough v Port Vale, postponed.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Ipswich 0, Watford 1; Queen's Park Rangers 1, Birmingham 0; West Ham 4, Chelsea 2.

IRISH LEAGUE: TNT Gold Cup: Glentoran 5, Cliftonville 1.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Midland division: Bromsgrove 3, Bridgnorth 2; Forest Green 2, Merthyr Tydfil 1; Grantham 2, Wellingborough 0; Stourbridge 4, Leamington 2. Southern division: Hastings 3, Dover 1; Shepney 1, Canterbury 1.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Carshalton 1, Bognor Regis 2; Epsom and Ewell 2, Sutton United 2; Farnborough 1, Hayes 1; Hitchin 1, Dulwich Hamlet 2. First division: Hampton 3, St Albans 3; Leatherhead 4, Walton and Hersham 1. Second division north: Chalfont St Peter 1, Harefield 2; Clapton 3, Tring 2; Hemel Hempstead 1, Royston 1; Heybridge 1, Rainham 2; Saffron Walden 2, Ware 1. Second division south: Bracknell 1, Feltham 0; Camberley 2, Southall 2; Marlow 1, Egham 2; Metropolitan Police 1, Eastbourne United 1.

ESSEX SENIOR CUP: First round, second replay: Hornchurch 1, Barking 2.

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Crystal Palace 4, Brentford 2.

HOCKEY

Britain go down fighting

In a most exciting match on Tuesday night, Great Britain were beaten 2–1 by The Netherlands (Joyce Whitehead writes). For the first 60 minutes they played better than they have ever played before. They showed more grit and determination... in the first half Wendy Fraser coming as near as anyone to scoring.

It is true that The Netherlands started without Sophie von Weller and Fieke Bokehorst and their attacker Lisanne Lejeurne was playing sweeper. Nevertheless the British players showed they were made of stern stuff.

It was not until The Netherlands brought back their two key players that the tables were turned. In the last five minutes they scored twice, Miss Brown for Great Britain scoring from a penalty in the last seconds of the game. It was Britain's first goal in the second of the five-match series.

● A senior England men's squad comprising 23 players will attend a three-day training weekend starting tomorrow at Lilleshall (Sydney Friskin writes). Sixteen will go forward to take part in the Coronation international tournament in Ipoh, Malaysia, from November 27 to December 3.

NETHERLANDS: Y Buter, M Maas, L Willemse, M Elsvogel, E Havenga-Hillen, L Lejeune, A Van Manen, I Wolff, H Van der Berr, M Otr, A Nieuwenhuizen.

GREAT BRITAIN: W Banks (Wales), M McLeod (Scotland), V Dixon (England), C Tate (England), L Carr (England), M Medlow (Wales), K Brown (England), W Fraser (Scotland), G Brown (England), K Gordon (England), M Cheetham (England).

FOR THE RECORD

SNOOKER

BIRMINGHAM: Holmeister World Doubles Championship: Qualifying round: Mr Bradley and D Chalmers bt B Oliver and M Darrington, 5–4. Final round: M Hallett and David Taylor bt P Medati and P Brown, 5–4; C Thorburn and W Thorne bt T Chappel and F Jonik.

BLACKPOOL: World Amateur Championships: Group A: S Robertson (NZ) bt M Hallgren (Swe) 4–3; R Marshall (Eng) bt M Lemoy (Bel) 4–1. Group B: J McNeilan (Scot) bt L Guan (Sing) 4–0; T Salim (Thai) bt G Kwok (NZ) 4–2. Group C: J Bonner (Aust) bt A Agustsson (Ice) 4–2. Group D: A Robidoux (Can) bt L Mazarati (Kenya) 4–1; M Bennett (Wales) bt J Wright (Eng) 4–3; M Colquitt (I of Man) bt W Yassa (Sudan) wo; G Burns (Rep of Ire) bt D Barron (Zim) 4–2.

SQUASH RACKETS

AMERICAN EXPRESS PREMIER LEAGUE: Leicester 3, Edgbaston Priory 2; Chapel Allerton 0, Ardleigh Hall 5; Nottingham 4, Sicea Armley 1; Manchester Northern 2, Cawdrons 3.

WORLD RANKINGS (Previous ranking in brackets): 1, J Khan (Pak) (1); 2, R Norman (NZ) (3); 3, C Dittmar (Aus) (2); 4, S Davenport (NZ); 5, G Pollard (Aus) (6); 6, Q Zaman (Pak) (4); 7, G Briars (Eng) 8; 8, M Ahmed (Pak) 7; 9, P Hashyon (Eng) (10); 10, R Thorne (Aus) (9); 11, H Jaitan (Eng) (12); 15, G Williams (Eng) (10); 16, D Lloyd (Eng) (16).

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Quebec Nordiques 7, Boston Bruins 5; Montreal Canadiens 3, Hartford Whalers 3; Washington Capitals 8, Chicago Black Hawks 4; Calgary Flames 4, New York Islanders 4; Edmonton Oilers 6, Vancouver Canucks 4.

TENNIS

PETERBOROUGH: LTA women's indoor circuit: second round: C Porwick (WG) bt E Jones 6–2, 6–3. Quarter-finals: N Salokova (Cz) bt B Potter (Austria) 7–6, 2–6, 6–4; C Singer (WG) bt J Wood 6–2, 7–6; C Dahlstrom (Swe) bt P Tesarova (Cz) 6–0, 6–0; C Porwik (WG) bt R Rajchrtova (Cz) 6–4, 6–2.

TAMPA: Florida Open tournament: First round: A White (US) bt L Thompson (US) 7–5, 6–1; M L Piatek (US) bt K Horvath (US) 6–3, 6–1; D Spence (US) bt B Herr (US) 6–3, 4–6, 6–0; V Nelson (US) bt C Barbanis (US) 6–3, 6–2; A Villagran (Arg) bt H Kalasi (Can) 6–7, 6–1, 6–2; C Bassett (Can) bt K Kinney (US) 6–1, 6–3; G Sabatini (Arg) bt M Gurney (US) 6–1, 4–6, 6–2.

STOCKHOLM: Stockholm Grand Prix: First round: T Tulasne (Fr) bt M Wilander (Swe) 1–6, 6–3, 6–3; Y Noah (Fr) bt J Arias (US) 6–2, 5–7, 7–6; S Edberg (Swe) bt M Dickson (US) 7–5, 6–3; T Nystrom (Swe) bt M Davis (US) 4–6, 6–1, 6–2; T Wilkison (US) bt L Stefanki (US) 4–6, 6–4, 6–4; J B Svensson (Swe) bt J Gunnarsson (Swe) 6–3, 6–3.

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS CUP: Second round: Second leg: Jeversted Bockhorn (Ger) 112, Manchester United 91 (Bockhorn won 217–155 on aggr); Stade Francais (Fr) 103, St Chamonix (Ch) 71 (Stad Francais won 187–151 on aggr).

RACKETS

SCHOOLS MATCH: Haileybury (A Stant & S Hall) bt Rugby (G W Devereux & M G Lewis) 15–3, 14–16, 2–15, 15–8, 9–15, 15–6, 15–3.

BOXING

SEOUL: World Cup amateur championships: Finals: Light-flyweight: On Kwang-ho (S Kor) bt S Boonrod (Thai) 5–0. Flyweight: J Kincova (Ven) bt D Berg (EG) 5–0. Bantamweight: Man Song-gi (S Kor) bt J Rodriguez (P Rico) ko 2nd rnd. Featherweight: J Molina (P Rico) bt K Burke (US) stpd 1st rnd. Lightweight: T Koch (EG) bt A Pedroza (Ven) 4–1. Light-welterweight: K Ki-yeon (S Kor) bt S Mehmet (EG) stpd 1st rnd. Welterweight: I Akopkokhov (USSR) bt D Lattimore (US) 4–1. Light-middleweight: Park Si-hun, (S Kor) bt K Bryant (US) 4–1. Middleweight: H Maske (EG) bt A Garland (US) 5–0. Light-heavyweight: N Shanavasov (USSR) bt E Maniuis (Can) stpd 2nd rnd. Heavyweight: A Lagopkin (USSR) bt J Pasu (NZ) ko 2nd rnd. Super-heavyweight: V Jalovlev (USSR) bt L Lewis (Can) 5–0.

Final medal standings:

	G	S	B
Europe	6	2	8
South Korea	3	0	4
North America 'A'	1	5	4
South America	1	1	3
Asia	1	1	1
North America 'B'	0	2	6
Oceania	0	1	1
Africa	0	0	2

BASKETBALL

CUP WINNERS' CUP: Second round, second leg (men): Panathinaikos Athens 79, Vevey-Basket (Switz) 84 (Vevey win 165–154 on aggregate); Landis Gyp (Austria) 96, KTP Kotka (Fin) 86 (Landis win 183–166 on aggr); Jugoplastika Split (Yug) 87, Maccabi Haifa (Isr) 86 (Jugoplastika win 201–164 on aggr).

ENGLISH MASTERS TOURNAMENT: Regional round: Walkers Crisps Leicester 113, Derby 108.

BADMINTON

GRAND PRIX STANDINGS: Men's singles: 1, M Frost (Den) 1,740pts; 2, Han Jian (China) 1,300; 3, S Baddeley (Eng) 1,130; 4, Ib Frederiksen (Den) 927; 5, M Kjeldsen (Den) 915; 6, M Yates (Eng) 910; 7, L Pongoh (Indo) 905; 8, Misbun Sidek (Malay) 830; 9, Sze Yu (Aus) 735; 10, Zhao Jianhua (China) 720. British placings: 17, S Butler, 635; 15, D Hall, 515. Women's singles: 1, K Larsen (Den) 1,740pts; 2, H Troke (Eng) 1,645; 3, Han Aiping (China) and Wu Dixiao (China) 1,330; 5, Li Lingwei (China) 1,000; 6, Zeng Yuli (China) 980; 7, Qian Ping (China) 890; 8, G Gowers (Eng) 870; 9, D Julien (Can) 755; 10, F Elliot (Eng) 645.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS: Bishop's Stortford 48, Ipswich 6; King Henry VIII, Coventry 0, Rugby 3; Spalding 68, Stamford 51; Taunton 5, Sherborne 11; Wellington 0, Millfield 0.

SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Heriot Watt 0, Strathclyde 16; Edinburgh 8, Dundee 0; Glasgow 8, Aberdeen 21; Stirling 6, St Andrews 8.

Flodrops picked

Paris (AFP) – Patrick Flodrops will be the referee at the Davis Cup final between Sweden, the holders, and West Germany in Munich from December 20 to 22. Two other Frenchmen, Claude Richard and Michel Perrot, will act as umpires.

Sanchez casts a further shadow over his country's tour disaster

Mexico are deprived of their national hero

Mexico City (Reuter) – Real Madrid will not release Hugo Sanchez to play for Mexico in two matches against Argentina, the president of the Mexican Football Federation, Rafael Del Castillo said here.

When Sanchez was signed by Real from their Spanish arch rivals, Atlético Madrid, last July he delighted Mexico by saying: "One thing I can tell you is that Real Madrid agree that I will be able to play for my country whenever they need me. For me, that is all that matters".

Mexico see the two friendlies against Argentina this month as important to their preparations for next summer's World Cup here and hoped that the games would rebuild their confidence after a disastrous Middle East and African tour last month in which they managed only one win in six games.

Sanchez, a national hero in Mexico, was Spain's top scorer for Atlético last season – his nickname in Madrid is "Hugol" – and leads this season's tally with his sharp-shooting for Real. Yesterday he was in action for them against Odessa, of the Soviet Union, in Real's 0–0 draw in the UEFA Cup, a result which put them through to the third round.

Sanchez was understandably proud as he pulled on the famed white jersey of Real at the signing ceremony here on July 15. He insisted on returning to his home country for the ceremony.

His remarks about putting his country first delighted all Mexicans. But the statement by Del Castillo reminded these fans that football ideals are subject to the harsh realities of big money, the sort of money that Sanchez earns from and for Real.

The Mexican press had also billed the Argentine games – in Los Angeles on November 14 and in Puebla three days later – as a duel between Sanchez and Argentina's part-time football genius, Diego Maradona; but it is not at all sure that Maradona's Italian club, Napoli, will release their wonder boy for the games against Mexico.

Mexico's squad returned home in near-disgrace after their recent tour of North Africa and the Middle East. Their supporters, who next year want nothing short of their first World Cup triumph, had hoped to use the opposition as little more than target practice.

They wept, they played, but they failed to conquer. Their one win, against North Yemen, inspired one newspaper to carry the headline: "Do you know where North Yemen is? Well, you should . . . they're the ones we beat."

The other results produced defeats at the hands of Libya and Egypt and draws against Jordan, Kuwait and United Arab Emirates. All six matches were shown on television and watched with interest in the famed *cantinas* (bars) of Mexico.

While many Mexicans shrugged off the results, saying that things would be different next summer, the national press lambasted the World Cup hopefuls. "Give them zero for skill, zero for technique, zero for tactics, zero for fitness, zero for commitment," said one radio commentator. "And zero times anything makes zero . . . that's what this team adds up to."

The daily papers described the tour as anything between a failure and disaster. Some said it should have been cancelled after last month's devastating earthquake, arguing that the players could not have been psychologically ready after such a tragedy.

Every excuse for the tour was put forward by Mexican officials: artificial pitches, searing temperatures, humidity, poor refereeing.

Another problem the Mexicans faced was that the tour turned out to be anything but "friendly". The dying minutes of the match against Egypt in Cairo, which the home side won 2–1, was a singularly distasteful affair.

After the Egyptians has taught the Mexicans a lesson in attacking football, a defender, Abdel Magdi Ghani, appeared to forget it was a football match and insisted on demonstrating his karate kick expertise on whichever Mexican player was within reach. He was eventually dragged from the pitch by Egyptian security forces.

The Mexican team manager, Boris Milutinovic, a Yugoslav who has spent most of his footballing career in Mexico, said his *muchachos* (lads) went to North Africa and the Middle East to learn rather than to win.

Milutinovic is widely respected by pressmen as an accessible and honest manager, attributes which are thin on the ground these days.

At the same press conference Del Castillo denied that the tour was a failure and added: "We are at a moment when the team must be supported by the people. We must all work together to accomplish something we've never before achieved – winning the World Cup."



Pointon: £50,000 deal

Pointon signs for Everton

Neil Pointon, a 20-year-old left back with Scunthorpe United, signed for Everton yesterday for £50,000. After Scunthorpe's 1–0 win at Preston on Tuesday Pointon was taken to Goodison Park where he yesterday underwent a medical examination and completed personal terms.

Scunthorpe's manager, Frank Barlon, said after Tuesday's match: "This came right out of the blue. Everton knew we had inquiries from Middlesbrough, Rotherham and Sheffield United, but they were prepared to act on what they saw tonight plus favourable reports from their scouts."

Two resign in unrest at Grimsby

Grimsby town's chairman, Dudley Ramsden, and vice-chairman, Doug Everitt, have resigned after weeks of unrest during which the club's financial situation has deteriorated, with revenue losses of around £350,000.

Both feel they have been made scapegoats for the losses, but the new chairman, Tom Bygott, said: "We have been spending money but getting nothing in return."

His first task, he said, would be to have talks with the bankers. Neither Ramsden nor Everitt was at Monday's board meeting when the financial situation was discussed.

Ramsden said the club had serious cash-flow problems and directors' loans of £150,000 had been withdrawn during the summer. The top-score football pool had failed, losing the club £50,000, and the absence of television contracts, ground advertising and ticket sales had cost another £150,000.

"It is in the interests of Grimsby Town that I leave," Ramsden said.

Bygott said he had the 100 per cent backing of the board. He had not asked Ramsden to resign.

"My priorities are to get the position of manager sorted out and, with the aid of the police, get the home supporters back in the Pontoon Stand from which they were removed at the start of the season," he said.

Meanwhile Grimsby have made approaches to Mick Lyons, of Sheffield Wednesday, and invited him to become player-manager of the club. The former manager, David Booth, left the club last month to take up business opportunity in Tenerife, and team affairs have been handled by the caretaker manager, Peter Grotier.

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SQUASH RACKETS

Standard for eye protection is close

By Colin McQuillan

The British Standards Institute are working on a design for eye guards because of the number of injuries suffered by players. A study group, including the Squash Rackets Association's medical advisors, are expected to produce an acceptable design "in the early New Year," according to Bob Morris, chief executive of the SRA.

Played with a ball which is perfectly proportioned to penetrate the eye socket, and which travels around a confined court at speeds measured at over 100 miles an hour, squash is acknowledged even by its fiercest adherents to carry obvious potential for eye injury. Morris says there were 122 eye injuries on the nation's 8,000 courts over a six month period last year. But he calculates there were a minimum of 14.6 million squash players on those courts in that period and claims "an actual injury factor of less than .002 per cent".

Ophthalmic department reports over a similar period showed 339 eye injuries to squash players, of which 40 resulted in impaired vision and 13 involved lense or retinal damage justifying hospital admission. These injuries were caused by the ball twice as often as by the racket of an opponent, although several of the worst cases were from glass splinters when spectacle wearers collided with court walls.

Few other sports produce such levels of eye injury and some doctors point to unnecessary health service costs as reason enough for eye protection legislation in squash. "We too are very keen to find an eye protector which can improve the situation," Morris says.



Jahangir Khan: the changing face of the world champion

Canadian authorities have already made eye protection compulsory for their junior players and they have unsuccessfully lobbied the International Squash Rackets Federation for world-wide legislation. "Frankly we have not yet felt able to follow that path", Morris says. "Nor has any other squash governing body.

"We have advised on playing techniques and plastic spectacle materials, but we have not found an eye protector which did not bring inherent dangers onto the court. Some models shattered into razor-sharp splinters under test and others mist up completely during play. There are open-frame designs which actually assist the ball to enter the eye socket.

"Far from recommending such equipment, we have been anxious to persuade our players against wearing them."

The new British Standard design is likely to be very similar to the polycarbonate, full-lensed, wrap-around goggles recently adopted by the world champion, Jahangir Khan.

Prompted by sponsorship from the Imperial Optical Company of Canada, Jahangir apparently feels far enough ahead of the rest of the world's players to take time adjusting to safety equipment other professionals reject as limiting their competitive capabilities.

Spectators at a recent Jahangir Khan clinic at Wembley report him wearing goggles throughout the early demonstrations, but slipping them off to meet the spirited challenges of local heroes.

Roland Watson, a former South African champion, once tried to play a top-level tournament in a full-face plastic visor, but abandoned the experiment halfway through the first match.

The problem is sweat and condensation on the lenses. Jahangir sweats more than most players and has asked for design changes on his Canadian goggles which are said to have alleviated the problem. If the experiments of the world champion and the BSI investigations produce an eye protector that gives thorough safeguards against ball penetration and solves the misting problem, Morris is certain the SRA and the ISRF will recommend its use. They could change the face of squash.

Jahan the club man looks to his country

Hiddy Jahan, the Pakistan-born Englishman who refuses to play in the national championships starting at Bristol tomorrow, has found another happy niche in club competition. Last year he led Squash Leicester to an impressive early lead in the American Express Premier League; this year he is having a similar effect on the new Ardleigh Hall premier side from Colchester.

Jahan missed England selection last season because he failed to appear in the one mandatory tournament, the Inter-City national championships, because of prior commitments. This time he has deliberately preferred the chance of big money prizes and world ranking points in next week's Swiss Masters in Zurich.

Ranked third in England and eleventh in the world, Jahan says that he wants to play for his country and that he should be selected on his record and his standing in the game. At Ardleigh Hall, is seems a reasonable view.

Along with Ahmed Safwat, the Egyptian professional whose style embodies the silky insinuation of the rapier, Jahan, has opened the way for Ardleigh's young lower-order players to establish a five-point lead in the league.

RESULTS: Chapel Allerton 0, Ardleigh Hall 5. Squash Leicester 3, Edgbaston Priory 2; Manchester Northern 2, Cannons Club 3; Nottingham 4, Armley 1. League positions: 1, Ardleigh Hall, 28; 2, Chapel Allerton, 24; 3, Manchester Northern, 23; 4, Cannons Club, 22; 5, Edgbaston Priory, 18; 6, Dunnings Mill, 18; 7, Squash Leicester, 16; 8, Nottingham, 16; 9, Armleigh, 13; 10, Redwood Lodge, 3.

BOXING

Christie's chin sets question his heart cannot answer

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

The glow may have gone out of the rosy future of Errol Christie, no thanks to Mark Kaylor, who knocked him out in the eighth round of their final British middleweight title eliminator.

While Christie's corner sees the defeat as a temporary set-back, those less emotionally involved may find the alarmingly easy accessibility of the 22-year-old Coventrey boxer's chin on Tuesday night at Wembley cause for concern. They may even question whether, in view of Christie's instability when tapped on the chin in the first round by Kaylor and his subsequent flounderings about the ring, he has a place among the middleweights.

Christie's defeat is all the more depressing when one realizes that Kaylor has long since left his best days behind him, and is unlikely to travel much further up the road to world honours should he meet the resilient Herol Graham of Sheffield, the British champion.

Admittedly Kaylor used his reach advantage effectively, but what was disturbing for Christie's connexions was the way in which he was caught round after round after round by the right. The large holes in his defence and his chin's aversion to a punch make it amply clear that he does not belong with the likes of Hagler, Mugabi and others many times harder than Kaylor.

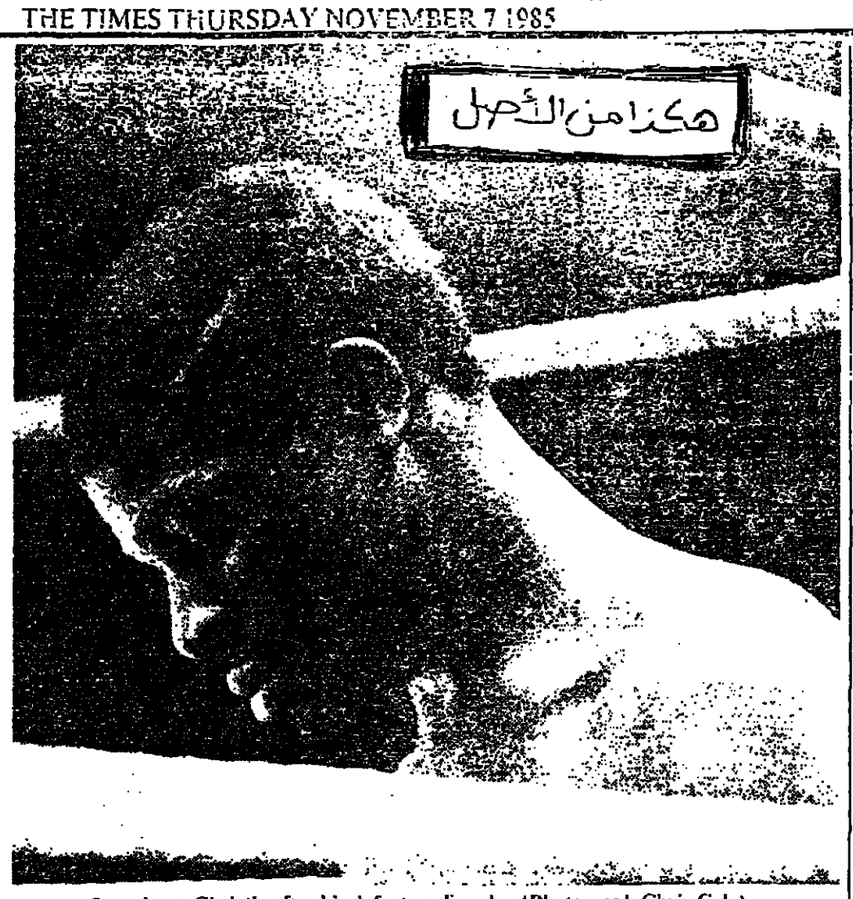
The first round knock-down may have taken the snap out of Christie's fight and been the reason for his inability to put his shots together, but the overall impression was that he was too slight for the taller, more forceful Kaylor. He would be better suited to the light-middles, though it is unlikely that he could make 11 stones any more.

Christie and his manager, Burt McCathy, are going to review the situation. "Why did Errol not box like he usually does? Why was he unable to fish off Kaylor in the first and third rounds, and follow up other good openings? I am going to do an analysis in depth," McCarthy said.

"I have never known Errol being unable to put shots together. Was he dead at 11 stone 4½lb? Should he have come in at 11 stone 6lb, like Kaylor? I am going to put the jig-saw together. Errol is young and can come again, and he proved last night he has a heart as big as anybody's."

McCarthy refused to admit that his charge, who once held a record 11 titles at the age of 18, was "chinny". But he admits something will have to be done about keping Christie's rather large, square jaw in a safe place during a contest. The problem is how to achieve this without affecting the fluidity that makes him such an attractive boxer.

One way might be to make Christie stand a little more square to enabe him to lead with his right to vary his attack and leave his vulnerable left side less exposed. Or it mght just mean a fine adjustment to the tilt of the head so that more of the top of the head is seen and less of the chin. Or it could mean a return to the Kronk fight factory in Detroit for a more radical overhaul.



Bowed out: Christie after his defeat on Tuesday (Photograph Chris Cole).

Kaylor boxed very much as expected, with a fierce determination, getting up twice from the floor. He deserves full credit for sticking to his plan and the right hand throughout. The victory over the much-vaunted Coventry boxer has revived his appetite for the fray, and he is now out to avenge his defeat by Tony Sibson. If he can beat Sibson to lift the Commonwealth title, Kaylor will have sufficient respectibility to find favour with the ratings committees of the world bodies. From that position a world title fight with sufficient money to compensate for his set-backs might follow. No wonder Terry Lawless, his manager, is anxious to get Sibson into the ring with Kaylor. "I could not think of a better fight," he said yesterday.

● Mark Kaylor and Errol Christie are to go before the British Boxing Board of Control on November 19 on a charge of "misconduct" following their brawl at a press conference last month.

ATHLETICS: PRESSURE GROWS FOR AUTHORITIES TO HALT INCREASING USE OF DRUGS

Time for positive action against the enemy within

By Pat Butcher

The rise of athletics as an international competitor and spectator sport continues apace, but notwithstanding bad publicity over inequitable payments and political machinations, the true enemy of the sport – drug-taking – has gone virtually uncounted and uncountered.

Since drug-taking is against the rules of the sport's governing body, the only citable proof is the evidence of positive dope tests, for which the International Amateur Athletic Federation bans athletics, ostensibly for life, but in reality for 18 months.

Sir Arthur Gold, the British president of the European Athletic Association, called the recent banning of six more international athletes, "the tip of the iceberg". Among the half dozen were the Bulgarian high jumper, Ludmilla Andonova, and the Czechoslovakian discus thrower, Zdenka Silhava. With Tatyana Kazankina of the Soviet Union, who will be eligible to compete again early next year, that makes three current world record holders banned for drug taking, and is a horror story in itself. But Gold's "iceberg" thesis is echoed by some of the most prominent athletes in the sport.

When the quadruple Olympic gold medal winner, Carl Lewis, told *The Times* last May, "I know some people who take drugs, and it's not worth the risk", the inference was "many people" rather than "some".

Britain's double Olympic decathlon champion, Daley Thompson, estimates that a third of Britain's international representatives take drugs with the figure as high as 80 per cent in the United States, where he has spent a lot of time training. If anyone is going to be close to the hidden truth, it is people like Thompson, Lewis and Mrs Slaney, rather than administrators, who attempt to underplay the malaise.

There is even a corpus of influential people in the sport, including coaches, who contend privately that since our whole society is soaked in drugs – one man's booze is another woman's amphetamine – then why not declare open house on artificial aids, and then find the new competitive level. And anyway, they say, since *detection is imperfect, this is the* only way we can keep up with those who will continue to take drugs.

That is a disgraceful dereliction of duty to the founding notion of sport in our culture. A healthy mind in a healthy body is as immutable as the Hippocratic Oath.

Even if none of the myriad drugs on the IAAF banned list were dangerous to health, which they are, there would still be the artificial aid to competition, which is plainly cheating. Yet the IAAF remains ambivalent about the greatest danger to its sport. Mrs Kazankina's reinstatement was the only item not publicised at the time of their meeting in Athens last July.

A variable scale of bans, suggesting even less than 18 months dismissal, was instituted in Oslo last month. And, most pointedly of all, Dr Primo Nebiolo, the IAAF president, was visibly angered in Oslo as Gold was confirming his strong anti-drug stance.

It is widely known that the competitive aid from drugs is maintained after the traces in the body can be detected. As Gold said yesterday: "Those detected are either careless or ill-advised. It is essential that we test out of season and away from competition". And that is exactly what the British Amateur Athletic Board intends to do with its random tests, to be instituted later this winter.

Any athlete refusing to go on the testing list will forego international representation. The infringement on personal liberty cannot be taken lightly, but is there any alternative?

If the tests are conducted properly, that is with qualified medical staff ensuring that the sample is from the subject (bag of untainted urine hace been secreted aroung the person in the past), and that the names of suspected offenders are not discreetly thrown back in the hat, then Britain can take the crucial step towards eradicaung not simply the offence but the rumours, innuendo and plain accusation and ill-feeling, which have surfaced at every athletics meeting, including road and cross country running that I have attended this year.

Then the pressure on those British youngsters, who won eight gold medals, five silvers and five bronzes at the European junior championships to follow too many of their adult peers will be countermanded. And the image of a "healthy" sport, which has brought the sponsors runnung, jumping and throwing themselves at the sport's feet, will be restored. The next step would be for the IAAF to take up the baton.



Flat out: Chris Cole's shot of Lendl, used in *The Times*, in the Sports Council's published collection.

Developing the art of second sight

There are only two sports stories: somebody winning and somebody losing. Sports writing is all about endlessly repeated events. The problem is to make them sound fresh. "Make it new," was the dictum of Ezra Pound who, though not a great sportswriter, had the right idea. It is not always easy, though, to make victory and defeat sound new.

How much harder to try and make sport *look* new. Sportsmen perform the same actions again and again and again. What is more, they perform them a long way away, and as fast as they possibly can. To make the sight of some one running look new, fresh and interesting is a daunting task, even if you get your camera focused in time.

I have a great deal of time then, for sports photographers, even when I am watching telly and the massed bands of plastic-bibbed, trombone-lensed woodentops spoil my enjoyment of the of honour. No: sports photography is a taxing business.

What matters most is timing: to click at the right now. It is not primarily a job of technicalities, for all that photographers love to blind you with science. The technicalities are, with a good photographer, performed unthinkingly. A great photographer needs rather more than tecnicalities.

One of the finest collections of the sport photographer's craft has been brought together in a splendid book, *The Sports Photographer of the Year Book: The Last 10 Years*. It contains award-winning shots from the Sports Council's annual competition. And it is full of treats.

We have Marsh dismissing Greig with a porpoise dive way past first slip. There is a horrific equine headstand at Badminton. There is



Daley Thompson standing while all around him his opponents lie prostrate on the track: the classic "picture-that-says-it-all". There is open-mouthed Ali, cross-eyed Borg, flying Lendl, and tortured Marado-na, and there are a host of noncatities in unbelievable sporting attitudes. Great stuff, all of it.

This has been a good month for picture books. As you may have noticed, a jockey called Piggott retired a few days ago. With Dick Francis writing the official biography of the great man, due out next spring, the way was open for some to do an unofficial quickie. But we have something better than that: Julian Wilson has written the text for a pictorial biography. His words are brief and to the point and the pictures a splendid mixture: shots of Lester winning races and lots more less predictable ones.

These include Lester riding a hurdles race, Lester as a pudgy-faced kid riding with long leathers, Lester trying to ride Kossmayer's Unrideable Mule, and, startlingly, Lester kissing a horse. Sir Ivor looks rather disillusioned. There are even shots of Piggott smiling. Wilson passes on a few Lester stories of course: Piggott jocked off Darrell McHargue to ride Commanche Run in the St Leger in 1984. McHargue, furious, said he wasn't even going to the races to watch, he was going to play tennis. On the way from Newmarket to Doncaster, it began to rain, and Piggott's driver asked if the rain might spoil Commanche Run's chances. "No," said Lester. "But it might spoil Darrell McHargue's tennis."

Patrick Eagar is what Americans would doubtless call the dean of cricket photographers. He has brought out a splendid picture book with the laconic title *Botham*.

We have Botham as air-punching bowler, as batsman-destroyer, as haggard captain, and above all, Botham as a man who loves every second of it all.

There is another good cricket picture book out, one full of rather more ancient heroes. The photographer is Ken Kelly, and the book is *Cricket Reflections: Five Decades of Cricket Photography*. The early stuff includes Bradman, Sutcliffe and all the others from the pantheon.

You may recall the Lord's Taverners cricketing picture book. Well, now we have *The Lord's Taverners Fifty Greatest Golfers*: a collection of paintings of golfers ancient and modern. As paintings, they don't actually stir my blood, but it is, I am sure, a book that will bring much pleasure. As Jean Brodie said: "For those who like that sort of thing, that is the sort of thing they like."

There is a nice Wimbledon picture book out: *The Championships: Wimbledon: Official Annual 1985*. This snappily-titled work contains a host of pictures by Tommy Hindley, the official photographer of the Lawn Tennis Association, and Eamonn McCabe. As you would expect, some of the pictures are gunners.

I have also received a picture book on my favourite rugby tournament: *The Hong Kong Sevens: A Book to Celebrate Ten Glorious Years of Rugby Sevens in Hong Kong*. Kevin Sinclair, an old Hong Kong hand, wrote the text. The sevens tournament, multi-national, all about handling and running (remember that kind of rugby, any one?) with Australia, Barbarians, Solomon Islanders, American Eagles, Taipei and many others, is simply what rugby should be all about, and the book captures it. Every time I get depressed about the game of rugby and the mess it makes of sport and politics together, I will look at this book.

● *The Sports Photographer of the Year Book: The Last 10 Years. Published by The Kingswood Press, price £12.95.*

● *Lester Piggott: The Pictorial Biography, by Julian Wilson. Published by Queen Anne Press, price £12.95.*

● *Botham, by Patrick Eager. Published by The Kingswood Press, price £9.95.*

● *Cricket Reflections: Five Decades of Cricket Photography, by Ken Kelly. Published by David and Charles, price £14.95.*

● *The Lord's Taverners Fifty Greatest Golfers. Published by Kingswood/Quixote, price £14.95.*

● *The Championships: Wimbledon: Official Annual 1985, by John Parsons. Published by Aurum Press, price £9.95.*

● *The Hong Kong Sevens: A book to Celebrate Ten Glorious Years of Rugby Sevens in Hong Kong, by Kevin Sinclair. Inquiries to: Arden Publishing of Hong Kong, Marketing Dept., Cathay Pacific Airways, 7, Appletree Yard, Duke of York St: London SW1Y 6LD.*

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CRICKET

Sussex reject request from Mendis

Sussex have rejected a request from their opening batsman, Gehan Mendis, to be released from his current contract, which has two years to run.

Mendis, who is 30, made his debut in 1974 and was the county's leading batsman last season, when he scored 1,756 runs at an average of 47.45. The Sir Lankan born player hit four centuries in six innings during one period last season and might have made it five had not his captain, John Barclay, declared against Hampshire at Portsmouth when was 96 not out.

Barclay has been reappointed captain in his benefit year, his vice-captain will be the former Middlesex wicketkeeper, Ian Gould. It will be Barclay's sixth season in charge.

Sussex have offered a one-year contract to a Haslemer-born fast bowler, Paul Boarer (18).

The county are to appeal against a decision by Hove borough council to refuse development plans for the ground. The county want to spend £350,000 on building a new covered stand for 900 spectators and a *hospitality complex*. But residents have objected and the local planning officer has described the scheme as "unrealistic and un-neighbourly."

The club chairman, Dr David Rice, said: "Cricket at home might have to end if we do not increase the club's income. The need to boost our revenue is urgent."

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Newcastle v Manchester City, Liverpool v West Bromwich. Second division: Bradford City v Blackpool (7.30); Rotherham v Burnley; Stoke v Notts County; Wolverhampton v York.
VAUXHALL – OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford v Walthamstow Avenue.
FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Bromley v Ipswich; Epsom & Ewell v Colchester

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Carlsberg National League: First division: Birmingham Bullets v Homescare Bolton; Polycell Kingston v Hemel and Watford Royals (8.0)
HOCKEY: Representative match: Cambridge University v Essex (at Fenners, 2.15).
SNOOKER: Holmester world doubles qualifying rounds (at Ladbroke International Hotel, Birmingham); World amateur championship (at Tower Ballroom, Blackpool).

RUGBY UNION

Why Lowdon may come into the England reckoning

By Michael Stevenson

When Moseley visited Sale last month their tactical grasp on a curious contest suggested eventual victory. They lost, and Syd Lowdon contributed 17 points to Sale's winning tally. The following week he managed 22 points in Sale's defeat of Neath, who had run Cardiff and Llanelli desperately close earlier in the season.

Form of this calibre as a goalkicker would not of necessity place him in the highest echelon of full backs, but those of us who have watched him over the years know his skill, his talent and his potential. He has cricketer's hands, hardly knowing what it is to drop a high ball. He is a good timer of a pass and judges his incursions into the line with scientific precision.

Yet around a year ago he was seriously considering giving up the game. A year last summer he, his wife Carol, and their son Jonathan were in the process of moving house. He sent his wife up to her mother in Cumbria, hoping that after a family holiday work firmly commissioned on their house would be completed. It was not. No heat, no electricity, no water – chaos.

The whole mess resulted in his missing pre-season training at Sale, being dropped from the first team, and acquiring in the process a fit of depression. When he won his first team place again through the absence of his rival, Graham Jennion, he was injured against Waterloo and spent the rest of the season, when fit, turning out for Sale's second team.

Syd, a PE specialist, educated at Whitehaven Grammar School and Madeley School (now the North Staffs Polytechnic), teachers at Langley Community School. Carol qualified as a home economics teacher.

A considerable formative influence in his attitude to the game and his playing career is and has been his father, Syd senior, who played rugby league for Whitehaven, Salford and Workington Town as a utility back and just missed selection for the 1958 tour of New Zealand. His son is appreciative of the help he has had. "Dad is a great coach – for me. He picks out things that no one else sees. He is a perfectionist. Sometimes I have thought that I'd played really well, but he's brought me down to earth!"

Of medium height, slim and brown-haired, Lowden looks like a worrier but carries the confidence in his own innate ability that his talent warrants "I have been d'sappointed to be passed over in representative rugby, though I was on the bench for the North v the Fijians a year ago. Nick Spaven was selected ahead of me."

He registered his 1,000th point for Sale the season before last, in a fixture against Wakefield, having started with Sale in 1979, after touring South Africa with the North-West Counties as understudy to David Gullick.

Lowdon, who is 26, is quick to acknowledge the fact that Sale are missing their coach for the past three seasons, Des Seabrook, who himself rates Lowdon's game highly: "Any side that has had his astute coaching and thinking must miss him. Above all, I miss his ability to analyse the opposition's strengths and weaknesses."

The full backs, both originally stand-off halves, Huw Davies (Wasps) and Peter Williams (Orrell), have been selected for the England squad. It is not to denigrate them to suggest that Lowdon should in the past have come into the reckoning and must surely do so in the future. This possibility has increased since the injury to Williams.



Lowdon: confidence

Shelford to lead NZ tour team

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

The Royal Air Force, the Services' champions, have the first opportunity to beat the New Zealand Combined Services, whose tour begins at RAF Brize Norton next Wednesday. All but three of the team which won the Inter-Services championship last season have been picked to play, among them the England internationals, Underwood and Orwin.

The New Zealand team, which arrives next Monday will be without Pierce, the All Blacks lock, and a policeman in Wellington, who was injured in the first international against Argentina last month. They will, however, include Wayne Shelford, a New Zealand tour member though not yet capped by his country; he will captain the first New Zealand services side to visit Britain since the Kiwis' tour of 1945-6, wich made such an impression under the leadership of Charlie Saxton.

The RAF will be captained by Goslin, one of eight players in the team from Brize Norton, and one of three in the side to have played for Gloucester this season.

The Japanese will visit England and Scotland at the beginning of next season for an eight-match tour, during which they will play a Scotland XV at Murrayfield and an England XV at Twickenham.

FIXTURES: September 17: v South of Scotland; 20: v North and Midlands; 23: v Edinburgh; 27: v Scotland XV; October 1: v Leicestershire; 4: v Cornwall; 7: v Combined English Students; 11: v England XV.

Newport to end link with Park

Rosslyn Park are surprised and disappointed that Newport are planning to drop them from their regular fixture list from next season. Park, London's most successful club this season with 12 wins from 13 matches, play what looks likely to be their final game with the Gwent club at Roehampton on Saturday.

Jimmy Freeman-Edmondson, a club official said: "Newport say that they are ending the fixture for financial reasons, but we regard this as a little mysterious. We are disappointed that they have seen fit to make this decision now. We have always met every commitment with Newport.

"We also have a particularly good playing record with them, having won four of the last five games and for the fixture to be dropped now when we are having one of our best seasons and would be due to play them in Newport next year seems inappropriate to say the least."

● Saracens have won the first round of an ambitious battle to fence in their Southgate ground and so be on a par with the other 23 clubs who make up the John Smith's merit tables. Saracens, moved to their present home nearly 50 years ago but their ground is on a public open space and the Department of the Environment will have the final say in their plans to enclose the area.

The council's leisure and amenities committee has approved the idea "in principle" and it goes to the co-ordinating policy committee on November 26 and then the full council on December 3.

Strong case for Scottish club replacements

By Ian McLauchlan

Scottish rugby is know worldwide for its resistance to change. On the subject of replacements this is still the case, since these are not permitted in any club game.

Recent league results, however, have once again brought the subject to the forefront of conversation. West of Scotland were a mere six points down to Stewart's-Melville when they lost their flanker, Brogan, and then they conceded 50 points, their heaviest home defeat since the league began.

Similarly, Boroughmuir scored nine of their 13 points when their opponents, Kilmarnock, were a man short.

The biggest farce of all, though, occured at Raeburn Place where, instead of the close match anticipated by the large crowd, Watsonians won 49-0. Edinburgh Academicals lost their hooker, Brand, after two minutes and two more men on the half-hour. The reason for the second accident, I would suggest, was that they were trying too hard to stem the tide and suffered as a result.

But the most serious argument for replacements lies in the possibility of further injuries being sustained by those who remain on the field when obviously unfit. Derek Turnbull, Hawick's B international flanker, realizing that his team were under pressure against Melrose, returned to the fray with a broken arm. This action, in spite of doctor's advice, could have finished the career of a promising young player.

Those against replacements argue that a player would be required to sit on the bench and not play a game every week. A rotational system, however, would ensure that no player need miss more than one game, which is not going to affect his future. This system would also have the advantage of encouraging players to be a little more flexible in their approach to the game and to play in other positions.

There have been many examples of change being to a player's advantage. Billy Murray was Colin Dean's understudy as hooker for Hawick but changed to flanker and won a B cap in that position. Had that change not occurred, he would still be Dean's understudy.

In every club, there are players who would play anywhere for the first XV. Also it would help most players to sit and watch a game. It would help their tactical appreciation, which is one facet of the game sadly lacking in Scotland.

Players in the first division to whom I have spoken are for the most part in favour of replacements for league games. These men take the competition extremely seriously and appreciate the unfairness of losing a game because of an injury.

Perhaps at the end of this year, when the subject will inevitably be raised again at the annual general meeting of the Scottish Rugby Union, all committee men will have sought the views of their players. After all, they are always telling us it's a players' game.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Crooks fit again and takes Burton's place on bench

By Keith Macklin

Only one change is made in the Great Britain squad to meet New Zealand in the third and deciding international at Elland Road, Leeds on Saturday. This is at substitute forward, where Lee Crooks, who missed last week's international at Wigan through injury, replaces Chris Burton.

The coach, Maurice Bamford, sticks to the 13 who performed so splendidly in a 25–8 victory to square the series last week, which meant that the 36-year-old front row forward, Jeff Grayshon, a late replacement for Crooks, retains his place after a sterling performance. Shaun Edwards, the Wigan utility back, is again named as substitute back.

Bamford has stuck to his policy of maintaining a virtually unchanged squad throughout the three-match series and yesterday he expressed his surprise at the wholesale changes made by his Kiwi opposite number, Graham Lowe.

Although Lowe is able to recall his second row forward and captain, Mark Graham, he has made four forward changes, has dropped his powerful stand-off half, Filipaina, and put the Hull Kingston Rovers centre, Prohm, at loose forward.

"Graham Lowe has made a success of trusting in a select squad of players and he has not made many changes since he took over in 1983", Bamford commented. "So many changes after just one defeat surprises me. I thought he would have stuck to his guns as he did in the series against Australia".

The Great Britain party will again train at the luxurious Shaw Hill Country Club near Chorley in Lancashire and will keep faith in the system of training, some physical, some psychological, which has served them well in the narrow defeat at Headingley, and in the victory at Central Park.

GREAT BRITAIN: M Burke (Widnes); D Drummond (Leigh), G Schofield (Hull), E Hanley (Wigan), J Lydon (Widnes); A Myler (Widnes), D Fox (Featherstone Rovers); J Grayshon (Leeds), D Watkinson (Hull KR), J Fieldhouse (Widnes). A Goodway (Wigan), I Potter (Wigan), H Pinner (St Helens, captain). Replacements: S Edwards (Wigan), L Crooks (Hull).

● Keith Holden, the Wigan scrum half, has been placed on the transfer list at a fee of £25,000. The Great Britain under-21 player recently lost his club place to Michael Ford.

● Paul Daley, the Hunslet coach, has resigned after a series of poor results.

Two Britons who aim to put the Great back into their country

RUGBY LEAGUE DIARY
Keith Macklin



Born again: Grayshon (above) and Schofield



Two players at opposite ends of the age spectrum will remember last Saturday at Wigan as the day when their careers were reborn. Garry Schofield is a remarkably mature 20, Jeff Grayshon a craggy, hardened veteran of 36. Their personal triumphs in last week's Great Britain win over New Zealand restored their self-confidence and confounded the sceptics who said they should not have been in the team.

Schofield, even by his own admission, had the proverbial stinker in the defeat against the Kiwis at Headingley. He did little in attack and admitted that he missed a crucial tackle as New Zealand scored their winning try. Grayshon thought his international career was over, even though prop forwards seem to hit their peak around the age of 30, when shrewd scrummaging, ball-handling skills and crafty conservation of energy go along with cauliflower ears and broken noses.

Grayshon, a huge chunk of weatherbeaten Yorkshire granite, replaced the injured Lee Crooks at Wigan and holds his place for the decider at Elland Road on Saturday even though Crooks is fit again.

He and Schofield had something to prove at Central Park and they proved it overwhelmingly in the British victory by 25–8 which threw the series wide open and set up Saturday's great climax. Schofield, an archetypal "sniffer" of openings, was four times in the right place at the right time to equal the great Billy Boston's record of four tries against New Zealand. Grayshon worked with persistent vigour, drawing into the tackle two, three and four New Zealand forwards at a time to open up gaps for the loose forward, Harry Pinner, and the speedy British backs. At his home in the Batley area of Yorkshire, Grayshon chuckled as he said: "The way I feel now I'll still be playing at 40.

"It's wonderful to think I can still play international rugby at 36. I've just moved clubs from Bradford Northern to Leeds and have got my international place back just when my career seemed to be fading away. I need a new challenge and I've got it. I still feel enthusiasm for the game and as long as I enjoy it I shall keep on playing. On Saturday I want to be in the thick of it when we win the series".

Schofield lives in Leeds, plays for Hull and had a highly successful summer in Australia, where the leagues are fiercely competitive. At 20 this deceptively baby-faced young man is a seasoned international and a prolific try scorer at every level. Yet he seemed tired and listless in the first international and his reaction to his four-try stunner is modest, relieved and grateful rather than struttingly proud.

"Please put it down to the other 14 lads in the squad", he said. "I'm grateful to them for making the tries for me and to the coach, Maurice Bamford, for giving me another chance.

He explained the remarkable timing and positional play that bring him his tries. "Always follow the ball carrier. Give him someone to pass to and don't let him die in the tackle."

Schofield learnt a lot in Australia during the summer in that most ruthlessly demanding of all leagues. "I improved my defence and support play", he said. "Off the field I learnt that fitness is absolutely vital. It means drinking less, avoiding too many late nights.

This attitude paid off for Schofield and Great Britain at Wigan and could pay off mightily for Britain at Elland Road.

TENNIS

Australian experience for Britons

Paul Hutchins, Britain's men's manager, is to send a team of five to Australia later this month to compete in the Australian Open and the grand prix tournaments at Sydney and Adelaide, among others.

The team will comprise Jeremy Bates, David Felgate, Nick Fulwood, Jason Goodall and Stephen Shaw. Mark Cox will accompany the players as travelling coach. Hutchins hopes the five-week tour will give the young players valuable experience.

Hutchins said: "I firmly believe that several British players are about to break into the higher ranks of world tennis. To ensure they can achieve their maximum potential, I have asked Mark to travel with them. It will provided the players with ideal preparation for the BASF European Cup (formerly King's Cup).

Bates has had a successful year, shooting up from 185th in the rankings at the end of 1984 to 82nd.

RACING: LEADING TRAINER JENKINS APPROACHES HALF-CENTURY WITH NEWBURY TREBLE



Lord and Lady Tavistock's Jupiter Island, seen here winning Royal Ascot's Hardwicke Stakes, is a definite runner for the $400,000 Washington DC International, at Laurel on November 16. The six-year-old, who has also landed group races at Newbury and Longchamp this season, is trained by Clive Brittain, who saddled the victorious Pebbles in last week's Breeders Cup Turf at Aqueduct.

The Australian-bred horse, Strawberry Road, and Mourjane, second and third to Pebbles, have also accepted for the Washington event, along with Helen Street, who will be Dick Hern's first runner in the United States, and another Irish classic winner, Triptych.

However, local opposition will be strong with Crème Fraiche, a leading contender for three-year-old colt of the year, and Win, one of the top candidates for turf horse of the year, among the likely runners.

Other runners so far announced include the German horse, Abary, twice winner of the Grosser Preis von Berlin, Galla Placidia (a possible last ride in the United States for Lester Piggott) and Jades from France and the former French-trained horse Yashgan, winner of the Oak Tree Invitation Stakes.

Rhythmic Pastimes impresses

A treble with Belfalas Lad, Rhythmic Pastimes and Godfather's Gift at Newbury yesterday put leading trainer John Jenkins on the 46 mark, well ahead of last year's brilliant start when he went on to acheive a total of 76.

Rhythmic Pastimes looked a very exciting chasing prospect, putting up a superb exhibition of accurate jumping in the Cokethorpe Novices' Chase, beating the favourite, Arctic Stream, by 12 lengths after making all the running.

"You won't see Newbury jumped better than that by a novice," said his jockey Steve Smith Eccles, who had to work much harder on Godfather's Gift in the Cold Ash Novices' Hurdle.

The Italian, jumping in public for the first time, looked all over the winner as he smoothly passed Godfather's Gift coming o the last, but neither the 7-4 favourite nor his jockey would accept defeat, and relentlessly battled back to snathc it on the line.

Smith Eccles said that Godfather's Gift was still as green as grass, and missed out the last. "I had to give him a hard race or get beat," said the jockey. Jenkins believes tha the big strong Godfather's Gift will be much better on decent ground.

The mount on Belfalas Lad in the Maiden Timber Novices' Hurdle qualifier went to Howard Jenkins, the Epsom's trainer's 23-yer-old brother, who got engaged to Brian Rouse's dauthter, Debbie, last Saturday and celebrated by bring the 7-4 on chance home a comfortable four-length winner.

Wily Yeoman never appeared to be travelling or jumping well enough to win the Marsh Benham Handicap Chase, but got there on the flat to beat his market rival, Grockle, by a length and a half. "He won't run on the hard again", declared his trainer Josh Gifford. "His jumping was brilliant at Cheltenham, but he didn't jump at all today."

The Epsom trainer Jeff Davies paid his first visit to Edinburgh and saddled his first Flat winner when Pale Star led inside the final furlong to beat Murillo by a head in the Tennents Special Selling Stakes.

The trainer, who rode 12 National Hunt winners, said: "I have had 18 runners so far this Flat season and 11 have been placed." at the auction. Pale Star attracted plenty of attention, eventually being bought in for 3,300 guineas – a healthy £2,342 profit for the racecourse.

Gembridge Jupiter to command the stage at Stratford

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Gembridge Jupiter, the useful seven-year-old that Chris Trietline trains for Anthony Carver near Stratford-on-Avon, is napped to make a successful return to his local track and win the Oslo Trophy Novices' Chase this afternoon.

It was over today's course and distance that he made not only a triumphant start to the season, but also to his own chasing career when he beat Mr Candy and The Royal Comrie by three lengths and eight lengths midway through last month.

In the hands of Adrian Sharpe, who gained priceless experience as an amateur when he was attached to Mercy Rimell's stable, Gembridge Jupiter could not have jumped the bigger obstacles more fluently at the first attempt. Last season he was an accomplished long-distance hurdler wth victories not just at Stratford but also Liverpool, Nottingham and Southwell to his credit and it will be disappointing, if he fails to win again this afternoon over what is arguably his best distance.

Twelve months ago the Hawkes Bay Trophy Handicap Chase was won by It's Only A joke. Now Crack A Joke, who is no relation, is fancied to put a smile on the face of his able trainer, Tom Bill, whi saddled winners at both the National Hunt Festival meeting at Cheltenham and the Grand National meeting at Liverpool last season. In this instance, though, I believe that Crack A Joke will be hard pressed to beat Loriot on 9lb worse terms than when they clashed last at Bangor. In the meantime, Loriot has run well at Huntingdon where he was trying to give Burglars Walk a stone.

Wild Hope, a winner twice on the Flat this summer for Geoff Huffer, first at Newmarket and then at Haydock, looks capable of winning the second division of the Southern Cross Novices' Hurdle.

At Newbury yesterday there were only 25 runners. Today at Kempton the pattern is much the same, due to the prevailing firm ground, but that does not appear to worry Josh Gifford who has an obvious chance of picking up a couple of prizes with Hubli (2.00) and Summons (3.30). Having beaten Bronski, a winner twice since, Summons is the form for the Vauxhall Novices' Hurdle.

In the Sprig Three-year-old Novices' Hurdle, it may be worth taking a chance with True Weight, who was in the lead and still going strongly when he came down at the second-last flight in the race won by Avebury, at Newbury, a fortnight ago.

Finally, Maranzi, who has won twice at Worcester and Newton Abbot already this season, before being comprehensively outclassed by Music Be Magic at Cheltenham, should find life somewhat less taxing again in the Tattersall's Mares Only Novices' Chase (Qualifier).

Proud Souroma eyes Ascot

From Our Irish Correspondent Dublin

Proud Souroma, trained in Co Kildenny by Paddy Mullins won the Irish qualifier for the Embassy Premier Chase at Punchestown yesterday and was promptly announced an intended runner for the final which will be staged at Ascot on Jan 12.

This was the fifth win over fences this year for Proud Souroma, but the next time they meet I would back the runner-up Passage Creeper to turn the tables. He was having his first outing of the season and contesting his first steeplechase. He jumped well until tiring in the closing stages but was a creditable three lengths runner-up.

Only four of the 11 starters finished the course and a particular disappointment was Erin's Delight, who was one of the joint favourites. He had won the Queen Alexandra Stakes at Royal Ascot last year and his owner-trainer Hugh McCaffrey has already backed him to win a Cheltenham Gold Cup. Now he has failed to survive the first fence in his first steeplechase.

KEMPTON PARK

Going: firm

1.0 SPRIG NOVICE HURDLE (3-y-o: £1,620: 2m) (8 runners)

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109		HALF A BUCK (P Naret-Barnes) W Kemp 10-10		H Davies
110	0	JUST JONES (S Sharp) J D Davies 10-10		J Lovejoy
117	3	SYLVAN JOKER (D Jonnson) P Mitchell 10-10		R Dunwoody
120	1	TRUE WEIGHT (Mrs J Cundy) M Madgwick 10-10		A Madgwick
121	0113	HOUSTON BELLE (B) (D) (BF) (R Ellis) J Jenkins 10-9		S Sherwood
124		KALIMPONG (A Burnham) P Buder 10-5		M Furlong

1984: Wng And A Prayer 10-10 A Carroll (13-2) A Bailey 13 ran.

6-4 Houston Belle, 3 Preordination, 4 Sylvan Joker, 10 Just Jones, 12 True Weight, 25 others.

FORM: FOREVER MO slipped up at Fontwell last time; previously (18-7) 3rd 6th behind Ninattash (10-2) at Wincanton (2m ndle, £764, good to firm, Oct 17, 8 ran). TRUE WEIGHT led until tailing at 2nd last in Newbury race won by Avebury (Oct 25). HOUSTON BELLE (11-0) 17l 3rd to Norstown (11-0) at Ascot (2m hdle, £2,187, firm, Oct 30, 5 ran); previously (10-11) 15l Cheltenham winner from PREORDINATION (11-8) (2m hdle, £1,455, good to firm, Oct 23, 7 ran); earlier (10-9) beat Dysport (11-0) wth JUST JONES (11-0) 14l away 6th of 10 (2m hdle, £548, firm, Oct 16, 10 ran).
Selection: HOUSTON BELLE.

Kempton selections

By Mandarin

1.0 True Weight. 1.30 Maranzi. 2.0 Hubli. 2.30 Zircon's Sun. 3.0 Professor Plum. 3.30 Summons.

Michael Seely's selection. 2.30 Zircon's Sun.

1.30 TATTERSALLS MARES ONLY NOVICE CHASE (Qualifier: £1,821: 2m) (7)

201	211212	MARANZI (D) (Mrs T Hassell) J Colston 7-11-6		E Murphy 4
202	0-31042	MILANESSA (Li Col J Hale) G Prest 8-11-1		R Dunwoody
203	040ppp4-	EVENING SONG (Mrs P Townsley) Mrs P Townsley 6-10-10		Mr P Townsley
205	0ffp-pp	INDIAN CASH (P Buckley) P Duggins 11-10-10		N Coleman
206	10/pb-3	KOHINOOR DIAMOND (P Hannen) Miss E Sneyd 5-10-10		B Powell
208	0040p4	SHIRLEY CREPELLA (E Treacy) J Bridger 5-10-10		R Goldstein
211	0002-00	WESTERN KELLY (Mrs J Ford) R Parker 8-10-10		Mr T Grantham 7

1984: No corresponding race.

4-5 Maranzi, 7-2 Milanessa, 6 Kohinoor Diamond, 8 Evening Song, 12 Shirley Crepella, 16 others.

FORM: MARANZI (11-0) 16l 2nd of 4 to Music Be Magic (11-8) at Cheltenham (2m Nov ch, £4,728, good to firm, Oct 23) with KOHINOOR DIAMOND (10-8) distance away 3rd. MILANESSA (11-5) 15l 2nd of 5 to Mark Paul (11-5) at Plumpton (3m 1f Nov ch, £1,834, firm, Oct 29). EVENING SONG (11-3) well beaten 40l of 16 to Notre Cheval (11-4) at Hansford (2m 4f Nov ch, £2,992, good to soft, Mar 30). SHIRLEY CREPELLA (10-9) well beaten 4th to Silver Ace (11-9) at Taunton (2m 3f Nov ch, £1,345, hard, Oct 24). WESTERN KELLY (10-7) 41l 5th to Running Comment (11-4) at Fontwell (2m 2f Nov hdle, £548, firm, Sep 11).
Selection: MARANZI.

2.0 NOVEMBER NOVICE CHASE (£2,295: 3m) (2)

301	12123	HUBLI (C Sparrowhawk) J Gifford 5-11-7		R Rowe
308	20/40f	BIC ROLLER (T Thorn) J Bridger 6-10-11		R Goldstein

1984: Cool Gin 7-11-5 A Webb (5-2) P Haynes 6 ran.

1-5 Hubli, 4 Bic Roller.

FORM: HUBLI (11-2) 10l 3rd to Celtic Way (11-0) at Fontwell with BIC ROLLER (10-6) 12l away 5th, having blundered at the last (2m 4f, £2,442, firm, Oct 22, 7 ran. Earlier, HUBLI (12-2) 20l Fontwell runner-up to Taffy Jones (11-6) with BIC ROLLER (11-1) 13l away 5th of 9 (2m 4.5f ch, £1,411, firm, Sep 11).
Selection: HUBLI.

2.30 STANDARD LIFE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,674: 2m 4f) (5)

405	021-223	TIGERWOOD (Mrs A Healey) P M Taylor 4-11-7		M Bowlby 7
408	02/3pf-	SANHEDRIN (D) (D Thorne) G Balding 8-11-2		S Sherwood
409	121/22-	SNOWY RIVER (Mrs J Cundy) M Madgwick 5-11-2		A Madgwick
412	0/p0u-1	ZIRCON'S SUN (D) (Dorothea Viscountess Kelburn) D Lang 6-10-5		C Cox 7
415	01f-04	RIVERSIDE DRIVE (J Daniels) J D Davies 6-10-0		J Lovejoy

1984: No corresponding race

5-4 Zircon's Sun, 5-2 Tigerwood, 5 Snowy River, 6 Sanhedrin, 10 Riverside Drive

FORM: TIGERWOOD (10-12) 12l 3rd to Lanhydrock (10-1) at Chepstow (2m hdle, £2,456, good, Nov 2, 6 ran). SANHEDRIN (11-0) 15l 3rd to Hello Killiney (11-0) at Fontwell (2m 4f Nov ch, £2,407, soft, Oct 22, 12 ran). SNOWY RIVER (10-8) 15l 2nd to Maiya Mai (11-5) at Fontwell (2m 2f hdle, £1,624, good, May 27, 13 ran). ZIRCON'S SUN (10-0) beat Killkov (10-1) 2l at Cheltenham (2m 4f hdle, £1,459, good, Oct 19, 16 ran). RIVERSIDE DRIVE (11-7) 7½l 4th to Canford Lad (10-12) at Worcester (3m hdle, £1,325, good, Oct 12, 7 ran).
Selection: TIGERWOOD.

3.0 UXBRIDGE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,552: 2m) (2)

501	f1101-2	PROFESSOR PLUM (D) (BF) (Mrs C Matheson) T Foster 12-11-10		M Bosley
503	fp00-33	BRAHMS AND LISZT (J Parish P Butler 9-10-0		E Murphy

1984: No corresponding race.

1-2 Professor Plum, 7-4 Brahms And Liszt.

FORM: PROFESSOR PLUM (12-2) 5L 2nd to Energise (10-0) at Wincanton; earlier (11-2) made all to beat Scottish Sound (11-5) 8L at Ludlow (2m 4f ch, £1,758, good Apr 4, 10 ran). BRAHMS AND LISZT (10-2) 30L 3rd to Peter Antinony (11-5) at Plumpton; earlier (10-8) 18L 3rd to Young Hawk (11-7) at Towcester (2m ch, £1,026, firm, Oct 16, 5 ran).
Selection: PROFESSOR PLUM.

3.30 VAUXHALL NOVICE HURDLE (£1,690: 2m 4f) (3)

601	01	HOLEMOOR PATROL (Mrs P Blackburn) L Kennard 5-11-3		B Powell
604	4000-1	SUMMONS (C) (Mrs S Embiricos) J Gifford 6-11-3		R Rowe
612	p003-	DUNVEGAN CASTLE (P Dimmock) G Prest 6-10-10		R Dunwoody

1984: Sutton Prince 5-10-10 R Lunley (10-1) F Winter 14 ran.

FORM: HOLEMOOR PATROL (10-12) beat Drum Maker (10-12) short head at Worcester (2m 2f nov hdle, £1,946, firm, Oct 26, 6 ran). SUMMONS (11-2) beat Bronsky (11-7) neck at Chepstow (2m 4f nov hdle, £1,475, good, Oct 5, 15 ran). DUNVEGAN CASTLE (10-12) 8L 3rd to Tachyros (11-1) at Southwell (2m 4f nov hdle £824, good to firm, May 6, 11 ran).
Selection: SUMMONS.

Course specialists

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TRAINERS: J Gifford 26 winners from 131 runners, 19.8%; L Kennard 7 from 42, 16.6%.
JOCKEYS: R Rowe 17 winners from 100 rides, 17.0%.

STRATFORD

TRAINERS: F Walwyn 12 winners from 58 runners, 20.7%; J Webber 10 from 53, 15.8%; D Nicholson 8 from 65, 8.9%.
JOCKEYS: G McCourt 11 winners from 65 rides, 16.9%, S Morshead, 15 from 106, 14.1%.

● John Dunlop's Bold Rex has been strongly supported with Ladbrokes for Saturday's November Handicap at Doncaster and is now a 16-1 chance (from 25-1). Imperial Bid remains their 6-1 favourite.

Capricorn Son third

Capricorn Son put up an excellent effort to take third place in Aqueduct's Knickerbocker Handicap (div one) on Tuesday. The Luca Cumani three-year-old can be counted an unlucky loser for his rider, Jean-Luc Samyn, was blocked early in the straight when making his challenge. Capricorn Son then finished strongly and got to within three quarters of a length and a nose of Putting Green (Edie Maple) and the former English trained Domynsky.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engagements (dead): Thomond Prince, Crofdale, My Imp, Saint Oswald, Gold Of A Gunner, Fresh 'N' Lo, Colorado Echo, Sparrows Farm Lass, Seeb.

Edinburgh results

Going: good

1.15 (1¾m) 1. FOUR STAR THRUST (N Carlisle, 8-1). 2. Changeanoor (W Ryan, 4-1); 3. Touch of Luck (J Matthias, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Joist (6th), 8 Appealing, 14 String of Beads (5th), 20 Lord Sun (4th), 25 Quinn West (Pyper), Sannerville, 33 Nordic Secret, Portal Dancer, Sherpaman. 12 ran. 2l, 1½l, 1½l, 6l, R Whitaker at Wetherby. TOTE: £5.50: £1.90, £1.20, £1.60. DF: £9.10. CSF: £37.62.

1.45 (5f) 1. ROVE (J Lowe, 2-1); 2. Sennenalie (D Nicholls, 7-1); 3. Planter (C Coates, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Bickerman (4th), 14 Blue Fantasy, Sweet Nicola; 20 Puncle Creak, 33 Kiki Green, Musical Minstrel 5th), Pebller (6th), Rapid Star. 11 ran. 2½l, 6l, 3l, ½l, 2½l. S Norton at Barnsley. TOTE: £3.40; £1.50, £1.10, £2.90. DF: £11.10. CSF: £17.09.

2.15 (1m 7f) 1. STONE JUG (M Birch, 7-2 fav); 2. Corston Springs (R Cochrane, 10-1); 3. Lady Woodpecker (P Robinson, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Buckbow Hill (5th), 5 Artalus Mead (4th), 13-2 Grooved Swing, 12 Shagayle (6th), 14 Bliss Creek, Mood For Love, 16 Apple Wine, Strathconon, 20 Boreham Down, 50 Islay Mist. 13 ran. Nk, 1½l, 2½l, 1½l, 7l. Miss S Hall at Leyburn. TOTE: £3.40; £1.70, £2.20, £14.50. DF: £15.50. CSF: £38.58. Tricast: £571.79. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

2.45 (1m) 1. PALE STAR (L Ashworth, 7-1); 2. Murillo (J Carr, 7-1); 3. Fairgreen (S P Griffiths, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Jump Jar, 9-2 Bakers Double, 7 Lady Liza (5th), 8 Hunky, 10 Star Event, 12 Rapid Lady (4th), Honest Token, 14 Crowfoot's Couture, Eyelight (6th), 16 Tree Fella, Native-May, 20 Highland Major, White Flag. 16 Ran. Hd, 6l, 2½l, ½l. J Davies at Epsom. TOTE: £12.90; £3.30, £1.80, £5.20. DF: £23.80. CSF: £65.92. Bought in for 3,300 guineas.

3.15 (1m) 1. ICARO (R Cochrane, 5-1); 2. Forcello (J Lowe, 4-1 jf fav); 3. The Woosan In Red (7 hes, 1-1 jf fav). ALSO RAN: 4 jf fav Fire Rocket, 7 Mohican, 8 Sunfire (5th), 12 Silent Running, Pheasant Heights, 20 Boynton (4th), 33 Miss Blake (6th), 50 Bantel Bushy, Dearham Bridge, Glory Time, Hidden Move, Dalby Girl, The Dabber. 16 ran. 6l, 2½l, ¾l, 1½l, nk. N Callaghan at Newmarket. TOTE: £6.50; £1.80, £1.10, £2.90. DF: £15.00. CSF: £30.25.

3.45 (7f) 1. BRAVE AND BOLD (R Cochrane, 7-1); 2. Kerl (A Shoults, 14-1); 3. Gold Chip (T Ives, 9-2); 4. Stilloy (T Williams, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Felipa Toro, 6 Amonts the Stars (5th), 7 Tara Dancer, 14 Strider Flyer, Amplify, 16 Gilbaresh, Elegant Slit (6th), 20 Neds Expressa, Fred O'Howren, 25 Mable Alice, Bethil, Solent Lad. 16 ran. ¾l, hd, 2l sh hd, ¾l. N Callaghan at Newmarket. TOTE: £5.80; £1.20 £3.10, £1.30, £1.80. DF: £51.30. CSF: £103.46. TRICAST: £459.12. PLACEPOST: £28.25.

Newbury

Going: firm

1.0 (2m 100yd hdle) 1. BELFALAS LAD (H Jenkins, 4-7 fav); 2. Redmel (N Coleman, 9-4); 3 Penny Bay (Lorna Vincent, 33-1). ALSO RAN 8 Trout Angler, 4 ran. 4l, 10l, 15l. J Jenkins at Epsom. TOTE: £1.80. DF: £1.60. CSF: £2.14.

1.30 (3m chl) 1.FLAMENCO DANCER (M Kinane, 5-2); 2. Laney Duel (Mr D Pitcher, 7-4), 3. Native Break (S Morshead, 6-4 fav). 3 ran. NR Donaghmoyne, Croning Moment. 30l, 6l, R O Sullivan at Bognor Regis. TOTE: £2.70. DF: £2.40. CSF: £3.95.

2.0 (2m 4f ch) 1. WILY YEOMAN (R Rowe, 11-10), 2. Grockle (H Davies, 11-1 fav); 3, Richmeade (M Kinane, 16-1), 8 ran. 1½l, nk, J G Ifford at Findon. TOTE: £1.70. DF: £1.10. CSF: £2.26.



Jenkins: Newbury treble

2.30 (2m 4f ch) 1. RHYTHMIC PASTIMES (S Smith Eccles, 3-1); 2. Arctic Stream (K Mooney, 6-5 fav); 3. Cousins (C Mann, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Mr Candy (4th), 50 Shasso, Sran, Mr Brosteigh. 12l, 20l, dist. J Jenkins at Epsom. TOTE: £4.00; £1.80, £1.30. DF: £2.90. CSF: £5.53.

3.0 (2m 100yd hdle): 1. GODFATHER'S GIFT (S Smith Eccles, 7-4 fav); 2, The Italian (S Reid), 7-4); 3, Freerscer (J Frost, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Broken Tackle (pu), 7-2 Timber Tool, 10 Time After Time, 14 Bourbon Queen (4th), 16 Winsome Lass, 20 Company Magic (4th), Saxon Ash (5th). 10 ran. Nk, 2l, 4l, 10l, 25l. J Jenkins at Epsom. TOTE: £2.50; £2.00, £2.00, £5.20. DF: £7.70. CSF: £16.29.

3.15 (2m 4f 120yd hdle): 1. NASSAU ROYALE (G McCourt). Walked over. Mrs M Rimell at Kinnersley.
Jackpot: £107.15. Placepot: £14.45.

● National Hunt racing's first big handicap chase of the season, the Mackeson gold cup, will carrya record £20,000 in added prize money for its 26th running at Cheltenham on Saturday.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON

Going: good to firm

1.15 SOUTHERN CROSS NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £548: 2m) (13 runners)

6		GERE (Mrs M Shayler) P Bevan 4-10-12		G McCourt
8		JIM BROWN (Mrs H Haynes) H E Haynes 4-10-12		C Mann
9	00-2223	KARNATAK (B) (Mrs P Joynes) J Spearing 4-10-12		S Morshead
10	003/00-	NORTHUMBRIA-SPORT (Mr P Hall) W Morris 6-10-12		W Morris
12	030025-	RUFCHA (B) (T Wood) D Sasse 4-10-12		A Carroll
13	40-30	SAINT ACTON (W Weinstein) A Jarvis 4-10-12		K Burke 7
14	0-00002	SHALLAAL (B O'Neill) J Baker 6-10-12		C Brown
16	4222-43	THE REEDCUTTER (B) (H Harris) F Gibson 4-10-12		S O'Neill
17	0-	AMY GWEN (E Lodge) J Perrott 7-10-7		R Stronge
19		KHARAB BIBI (F Elton-Barratt) J Webber 4-10-7		G Mernagh
20	20	LADY LYNX (B) (BF) (W Gredley) M Pipe 4-10-7		P Leach
21		MILITARY GIRL (R Hemmings) C Tinetline 5-10-7		A Sharpe
23	03/	THETFORD CHASE (J Elwell) C Jackson 5-10-7		J Bryan

1984: Winter Measure 4-10-5 Mr M Pitman (3-1) Mrs J Pitman 13 ran

9-4 The Reedcutter, 7-2 Lady Lynx, 9-2 Karnatak, Saint Acton, 6 Shallal, 8 Rufcha, 16 others

Stratford selections

By Mandarin

1.15 The Reed Cutter. 1.45 GEMBRIDGE JUPITER (nap). 2.15 Chasm. 2.45 Loriot. 3.15 Lislary Lad. 3.45 Wild Hope.

By Michael Seely

2.15 Hope End. 2.45 CRACK A JOKE (nap).

1.45 OSLO TROPHY NOVICE CHASE (£2,781: 2m 6f) (7)

3	13201-1	GEMBRIDGE JUPITER (CD) (A Carver) C Tinsdins 7-11-5		A Sharpe
6	4301f-0	BOLT THE GATE (D Williams) D Williams 6-11-0		G McCourt
13	04/ppp-	HAYSTACK'S FLYER (P Hayward) P Hayward 10-11-0		C Mann
17	02000-0	MAYANNCOR (G Wragg) R Perkins 7-11-0		Del Williams
21	p	PENTIGILI (G Hunt) J Thomas 5-10-13		C Warren 7
22	4-001p4	SARENA PLASTICS (Mrs T Hassel) O O'Neill 5-10-13		J Suthern
26	000p43/	GOLDEN MEDINA (Mrs S Perry) P Bailey 5-10-8		S Morshead

1984: Another City 5-11-4 N Doughty (6-4 fav) G Richards 13 ran

4-6 Gembridge Jupiter, 4 Mayannor, 6 Bolt The Gate, 8 Serena Plastics, 14 Golden Medina 20 others.

2.15 WARRNAMBOOL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,704: 2m) (8)

1	22110-4	CHASM (L Thwaites) F Walwyn 8-11-10		R Pitsey
5	4p4p/p0	STILL HOPE (D) (Sir H Calley) A Turnell 9-10-10		E Waite
9	0f134/p	CANINA (D) (P Hayward) P Hayward 9-10-8		C Mann
11	03114-1	HOPE END (D) (Mrs Y Alleaog) R Brezington 7-10-4 (7 ex)		C Jones
13	0-64010/	CHELSEA BAR (D) (D Sparrackland) P Bailey 11-10-0		S Morshead
10	/21030-	ESSEX (J Bukowski) J Bukowski 10-10-0		W Worthington 7
12	00-0412	LAW VENTURE (D) (BF) (Mrs P Sly) Mrs P Sly 11-10-0		M Bastarc
14	p3-03s0	ADMINISTRATOR (D) (R Keen) H D Nell 9-10-0		G McCourt

1984: Silent Echo 9-10-8 R Dunwoody (3-1 fav) A Blackmore 12 ran

5-2 Chasm, 3 Hope End, 4 Law Venture, 6 Still Hope, Chelsea Bar, 8 Essex, 12 others

2.45 HAWKES BAY TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,629: 3m 2f) (4)

4	0333/1-	PARCELSTOWN (M Tucker) D Gandolfo 8-11-7		P Barton
5	p97-312	CRACK A JOKE (BF) (D Randle) T Bill 6-10-13 (5 ex)		R Crank
8	412222	LORIOT (BF) (M Thick) J Edwards 8-10-11		R Kington
10	f08033	NO RETREAT (B) (Miss M Prescey) P Pritchard		P Dever

1984: It's Only a Joke 6-11-4 H Davies (7-4) T Forster 6 ran

11-10 Crack a Joke, 6-4 Loriot, 9-2 Parcelstown, 14 No Retreat.

3.15 ARCHIE SCOTT MEMORIAL GOLD CUP (Handicap Hurdle: £2,960 2m 6f) (16)

1	3000-4d	CROSS MASTER (Harlow Bros) T Ball 8-11-10		R Crank
4	2110-13	LISLARY LAD (CD) (BF) (V Ribbin) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-5		S Morshead
5	000204-	MOSSY BELL (P Gwyn) R Hilder 5-11-4		N Coleman
6	2f0u0-0	WHISKEY EYES (H Pirie) D Heller 4-10-9		G Charles-Jones
11	00143p-	BARDSEY (D) (Ryland Vehicle Group) R Hollinshead 5-10-6		J O'Neill
13	303011-	COOMBE SPIRIT (D) (R Elsey) J Baker 5-10-4		C Brown
14	243110-	DERRYCREHA LASS (Bennington Furniture) O O Neill 8-10-4		J Suthern
17	110032	KAMAG (D Holly) D Holly 7-10-2		C Seward
18	400-003	SUNSHINE GAL (T Parkins) P Bowden 7-10-1		R Dennis 4
20	0102-43	BALLYCRACKERS (Mrs J Robinson) R Perkins 4-10-0		G Williams
21	040001	WOODLAND VIEW (Mrs D Hamerton) P J Jones 6-10-0 (6 ex)		M Keane
24	00p081-	STOCKSTON (B Barrington) Mrs M Bevan 4-10-0		C Smith
25	040400-	ISANEMOS (A Darlington) D H Barons 7-10-0		R Chapman 4
26	000-000	SEA RANGER (G Roach) C Roach 5-10-0		L Bloomfield 4
28	000000-	BEAU WYNK (B Key) B Key 12-10-0		Miss D Key 7
29	400000-	PANROCK (K Pinfield) R Juckes		T Pinfield 7

1984: Alfie Dickins 6-10-11 D Carcary (8-1) R Hollinshead 12 ran

7-2 Lislary Lad, 4 Bardsey, 9-2 Woodland View, 5 Whiskey Eyes, 6 Cross Master, 8 Mossy Bell, Coombe Spirit, 10 Kamag, 12 others.

3.45 SOUTHERN

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BENJAMIN On October 27th to Alexis (nee Brown) and Martin – a son (Piers).

BLACKSHAW. – On 3rd November to Julia (née Nicholson) and Adrian, a daughter, Louisa

BROOKE – November 5th at RUH, Bath, to Paula (née Mingy) and Hugo a daughter Emily M & D doing fine.

COLLINS. – On 1st November to Joss and Charlotte (née Crowhurst) – a daughter (Miranda)

HELPS – On October 28, at RUH, Bath, to Denise (née Windus) and Charles, a son, Philip Arthur.

HESKETT. On 4th November at the Portland Hospital W1 to Susan (nee Piper) and Robert – a daughter (Stephanie).

HINDSON. – On October 30th to Jamie and Sue, a daughter. Sarah Elizabeth, sister to James.

LESLIE – On October 31 at the John Radcliffe, Oxford, to Anne-Marie (nee O'Dea) and Alex, a son, William.

PARRY. – To Bryan & Susan, on the 6 November 1985, at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, a son Stephen John, brother to Matthew

PHILLIPS – On November 5, 1985 at the Rosie Maternity Hospital, Cambridge, to Charlotte (née Trower) and James, a daughter, Henrietta Catherine Elisabeth

PRYCE. – On November 5th to Nikki (nee Snelson) and Damian, a daughter, Angharad, sister for Morwenna.

RUFFER – On November 1 to Kathryn (nee Walters) and Timothy, a son, Giles Ernest Spence, a brother for Toby

SHOCK. – On November 5, to Rayna (nee Freed) and Nigel – a daughter (Louisa Jade), a sister for Miranda.

SIMS – On 2nd November to Rowena (nee Leonard) and Martin, a daughter Emma Katharine

SUMMERS On October 28th to Boo, and Bruce – a son (Seymour Anthony Stephen) a brother for Emma-Jane and Sophie.

SURTEES. – On November 5, 1985, at St Luke's Hospital, Guildford, to Louise (nee Gibby) and Jonathan – a son (Mathew George Vere).

WILLIAMSON. On November 5th to Judy (nee Helsby) and Peter a daughter Anna Katherine, a sister for Nicko.

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MARRIAGES

ADAM – TANNAHILL. On November 6th quietly in London, Archie Adam of Eskorl, Portugal to Mary Tannahill of Kensington.

DEATHS

BARTIN. On November 5th peacefully at his home, Walhampton, Lymington, Bernard Denny L.D.S., R.C.S (Eng) retd. aged 70. Beloved husband of Cricklewood and Kensal Rise, London. Beloved husband of Betty, father of Anne, Nicholas, Hugh and Georgina and grandfather of Nicola. Service at Boldre Church, on Wednesday November 13th at 2.45pm followed by Cremation at Bournemouth. No flowers please but donations preferred for The British Heart Foundation, c/o F W House & Sons, F.D 33-34 St Thomas Street, Lymington

BEALE. – On November 5th at Gloucester Royal Hospital, Gwendoline Edith, aged 83 years, of Charles Montague Foot and Co. (Coalbank), lately of Sheffield in Sussex. 4th November 1985. Husband of the late Julia Marjorie (nee Whytall) and father of Jeffery Charles Lundy and Simon Richards. "Spes mea deus".

LINGARD. – On 5 November, peacefully at home after a long illness bravely borne Maureen, of Sevenoaks, Kent. Beloved wife of James. The funeral service will take place on Tuesday November 12, at 2pm at St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks, followed by cremation at Tunbridge Wells. All enquiries to W Hodges & Co. Tel: Sevenoaks 454457.

LLOYD OF DOLOBRAN – On November 5, peacefully at home, Lord Lloyd of Dolobran, MBE, DL. Funeral strictly private.

MacEWEN – On November 4th 1985, peacefully at Torbay hospital in sunny Devon, Shelagh MacEwen (nee Stewart) formerly of Dumbleton, Cheltenham and Cambridge, and latterly of Dawlish, Devon, after an eight year long battle fought with infinite dignity and courageous determination. Most beloved and devoted wife of Robert MacEwen (her "Mac") and the most treasured mother of Ian, Robin, Jane, Kate and Hazel. Funeral service at East Ogwell parish church, near Newton Abbot, Devon, on Friday November 8th at 11am. All are welcome. Private family interment service later the same day at 3.30pm at the Minster, Warminster, Wiltshire. Flowers or donations in lieu, for Cancer Research, c/o Torbay District Funeral Service, Wellswood, Torquay. Tel: (0803) 22447.

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MEYRICK. – Hugh William peacefully on 1st November, late Standard Chartered Bank and honorary consul to the Philippines. In Liverpool, private cremation.

MICHAELIS – On Wednesday 30th October, 1985, Elisabeth Henriette (Bessie) Michaelis M.D., BS, wife of David Michaelis of 59 Park Road, Watford and mother of Philip and Richard. The funeral has taken place. No letters please.

MORGAN. – On November 4, Hilda Campbell Morgan, FRSL, (nee Vaughan), aged 93, widow of Charles Langbridge Morgan, mother of Shirley and Roger. Funeral private.

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O'SHAUGHNESSY. – On 31 October Thomas Hugh, eldest son of Hugh and Gerda, brother of Frances, Matthew and Luke. Requiem Mass, St John the Evangelist, Duncan Terrace, London N1, 8 October, 12 noon.

PAGE. – On October 27th 1985 at Shepherd's Cottage, Tarlton, Cirencester, after a long illness, Gerard Thorpe (Gerry) beloved husband of Rachel, dearest father of Susan and Sarah, and a much loved grandfather. Memorial service at Harpole Church, Northamptonshire on Thursday, November 21st at 2pm. Donations if wished to Cirencester Memorial Hospital.

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RIVIERE. – On 5 November 1985 Ray widow of Major R G (Dick) Riviere, the Crusader Guards, beloved mother, grandmother and sister. Private cremation. Memorial service to be announced later.

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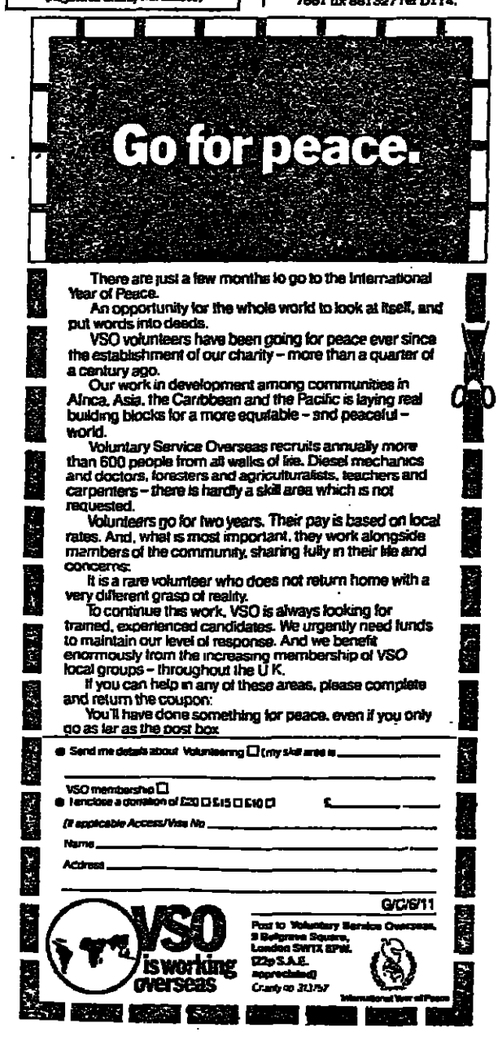
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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.

6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; plus, Zoe Brown's teenage report; a recipe from Glynn Christian; and Richard Smith's 'phone-in medical surgery. The papers are reviewed by Garfield Davies of the Shopworkers' union, USDAW.

9.20 Write Now! Part four of the series on better letter writing (r) (Ceefax). 9.30 Ceefax 10.30 Play School. 10.50 Ceefax.

12.30 News After Noon with Frances Coverdale and Moira Stuart includes news headlines with subtitles. 12.55 Regional news.

1.00 Pebble Mill at One presented by Bob Langley, Marian Foster and Josephine Buchan. The guests include actress Jane Lapotaire, Leslie Kenton, who talks about Oxfam's Hunger for Change, and American singer Johnny Nash. 1.45 Hokey Cokey. A See-Saw programme for the very young with Carol Chell and Don Spencer (r). 2.00 Ceefax.

3.55 TTV: Tea Time Television for the very young. 4.10 SuperTed (r). 4.15 Beat the Teacher. Paul Jones referees a general knowledge contest between schoolboy Gary Tootall from Broadclyst and schoolmaster Mr Wallin from Cambridge. 4.30 Ulysses 31. The first of a new series of animated science fiction adventures. 4.55 John Craven's Newsround.

5.05 Blue Peter. Simon Groom, Janet Ellis and Peter Duncan reveal the name of the winner of this year's Outstanding Endeavour Award (Ceefax).

5.35 Masterteam, presented by Angela Rippon.

6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.

6.35 London Plus.

7.00 Top of the Pops presented by Peter Powell and Steve Wright.

7.30 EastEnders. Nick increases his blackmail demands on Kathy, while at the Queen Vic the regulars are in for a surprise from Angie during the Ladies Night celebrations (Ceefax).

8.00 Tomorrow's World includes an item on Halley's Comet. Plus, a report from Mexico on the high level of DDT found in food despite the fact that the chemical has been banned from the country for two decades; speed skiing from Switzerland; new hope for multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease sufferers; a new conveyor belt system; and self-adjusting tappets on motor cars.

8.25 Happy Families. The fourth in a six-part comedy series starring Jennifer Saunders, Adrian Edmondson and Dawn French (Ceefax).

9.00 News with Julia Somerville and John Humphrys. Weather.

9.25 Just Good Friends. Vince and Penny return to their respective family homes after their new flat is vandalized (Ceefax).

9.55 Question Time. Sir Robin Day's guests are Nick Raynsford, Shirley Williams and MPs Kenneth Baker and Michael Meacher.

10.55 The Visit: PC Philip Olds. The second of three films following the treatment of the policeman crippled when a gunman shot him in the spine. This evening PC Olds is a guinea pig in Dayton, Ohio, where Professor Jerry Petrofsky is experimenting with new ways to help the crippled walk (r).

11.35 The Interview Game. A series of five films designed to help those who depend on face-to-face interviews (r).

12.00 Weather.

TV-am

6.15 Good Morning Britain, presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.17, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; exercises at 6.20; sport at 6.35 and 7.34; regional report at 7.15; cartoon at 7.24; pop video at 7.55; Elaine Lipworth's reunions at 8.17; Jeni Barnett's postbag at 8.34; Youth Week Special at 8.04 includes Clare Rayner commenting on youth unemployment. Guests include Victoria Wood.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines.

9.30 For Schools: libraries and the work of librarians. 9.42 Learning to read with Bill Oddie. 9.54 The dangers of smoking. 10.11 Part two of the story about an elephant. 10.28 Health education: feeding. 10.45 Craft and design: the 1985 School of Design Prize winners. 11.03 Early music making. 11.20 Supplying energy for the home. 11.37 How we used to live: an urban existence compared to life in the country.

12.00 The Giddy Game Show. Jokes and puzzles for the young. 12.10 Puddle Lane, with Neil Innes. 12.30 The Sullivans.

1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin. 1.20 Thames news.

1.30 Falcon Crest. Drama set among the Californian vineyard-owning folk. 2.25 Home Cookery Club. The recipe for Monkfish Creole.

2.30 Daytime. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on a topical matter. 3.00 Take the High Road. Drama serial set in the Scottish Highlands. 3.25 Thames news headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

4.00 The Giddy Game Show. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.10 Doris. Cartoon adventures of a cat. 4.20 Scooby Doo. Cartoon.

4.45 Gymnastics. The 1985 World Championships.

5.45 News with Michael Nicholson.

6.00 Thames news.

6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of the launch of BACUP, the British Association of Cancer United Patients, an advice and information service for cancer sufferers.

6.35 Crossroads. Barry Hart is separated from Bertha while the motel receives a visit by someone from the North Sea oilfields.

7.00 Emmerdale Farm. Seth has a smashing time at Beckindale's Horticultural Show.

7.30 Up the Elephant and Round the Castle. Comedy series starring Jim Davidson, this week in a dizzy when he learns that a neighbour is selling his house to a Sloane Ranger.

8.00 Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer: Negative Image. The episode postponed from October 3 in which the detective investigates the death of a photographer friend.

9.00 TV Eye Special: Aids – and You. An investigation into how serious the problem of Aids has become, who is at risk, and what medical science can do to prevent the spread of the disease.

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall.

10.30 Film: Crowhaven Farm (1970) starring Hope Lange and Paul Burke. A made-for-television tale of the supernatural about a couple and their adopted daughter living at a farm on which the wife has visions of Puritan people screaming at her. Does her adopted daughter hold the key to the terror? Directed by Walter Grauman.

11.50 Gymnastics. Further coverage of the World Championships in Montreal.

12.50 Night Thoughts.



Meryl Streep at Work: on BBC2 at 7.30pm

● The peculiar fascination of ICELAND BREAKTHROUGH (Channel 4, 8.30pm), a documentary account of the conquest of a turbulent river, is that although this was only one of five world "firsts" achieved by the conquerors, the clutch of new records set up by the expedition is actually the least interesting thing about the film. There is no way I can satisfactorily convey to you the thrilling character of *Iceland Breakthrough* merely by telling you, for example, that this is the first time that microlite aircraft and kayaks had jointly been deployed as tools of exploration, or that this was the first descent of a hot river that flowed under ice, or (in print, the most prosaic accomplishment of them all), that this was the first time Man had crossed Vatnajokull, a glacier no geological layman has ever heard of. These, indeed, are some of the basic facts about the expedition, but it has taken Bruno Cusa's brilliant camerawork to transmute this geographical venture into an epic of high adventure.

● And, talking of "firsts", TOMORROW'S WORLD plans one of its own tonight (BBC1, 8.00pm). Fingers crossed, cloud cover permitting, it intends to screen the first BBC television pictures of Halley's Comet, via Lancashire Polytechnic's telescope in Preston. ITN put the comet on its newsreel on Tuesday night.

● In a strong edition concerned with British justice, or the absence of it, TIMEWATCH (BBC2, 8.10pm) closes up a huge gap in my knowledge of the evolution of the *jury system. There really was a time* (1670) and a place (the Old Bailey) when 12 good men and true were told by the judge that if they did not return the verdict he expected of them, they would be locked up without food, water – or even a chamber-pot. The outcome had a considerable and unpredictable impact in faraway Pennsylvania.

● Radio highlights: Mavis Nicholson, in a class of her own as a sympathetic winkler out of stubborn truths about the human condition, chairs tonight's studio debate and phone-in about stepfamilies (Radio 4, 7.40pm) . . . Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich is the soloist in the BBC Philharmonic's performance of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 2 (Radio 3, 11.35am).

Peter Davalle

CHOICE

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax.

9.35 Daytime on Two. Maths – Pascal's Triangle, and mazes 9.58 What happens to food when the 'fridge breaks down? 10.15 Fabrics: silk. 10.38 What is air? 11.00 History: the Black Death. 11.22 English: poetry and pop lyrics. 11.45 Statistics: sampling and probability. 12.05 Lesson six of the Italian conversation course for beginners.

12.30 Folk guitar lessons. 12.45 The sixth film on development issues in India. 1.20 Spanish conversation. 1.38 Living in 17th century Scotland. Part one of a three-episode dramatization. 2.00 For four- and five-year olds. 2.15 Work songs from Africa, Trinidad and Tobago. 2.40 Chamberlain's Munich meeting with Hitler.

3.00 Ceefax.

5.25 News summary with subtitles. Weather.

5.30 The Journey. The second of a ten-part series of programmes in which playwright Peter Terson and reporter Dennis Skillicorn travel by gypsy wagon along the pilgrims' route from Winchester to Canterbury (first shown on BBC South).

6.00 Star Trek. Captain Kirk and his crew are struck by an attacker and a strange disease that hastens the aging process (r).

6.50 Voyage of the Heroes. The final part of the series tracing the voyage of modern-day Argonauts.

7.30 Meryl Streep at Work. Iain Johnstone joins the Oscar-winning actress on the set of her latest film, Plenty.

8.10 Timewatch. Peter France re-examines three films from earlier series – about the notorious Judge Jeffreys; the development of forensic science; and the birth of the modern jury (see Choice).

9.00 Alas Smith and Jones. Mel and Griff, in the second programme of their new series, search for rare animals in Australia, preview the latest fleshy horror film; and discuss the wonders of procreation.

9.30 40 Minutes. A documentary following the fortunes of Magda, a contestant in the Miss Poland 85 beauty competition held in Warsaw's Palace of Culture and Science. Her mother has borrowed money from her factory to pay for her daughter's dresses and hotel bills; her father has worked overtime and sold his canaries in order to buy his daughter the cosmetics she needs.

10.10 Black Silk. Part one of a new drama series about Larry Scott, a black barrister working in London.

11.00 Newsnight includes Joan Bakewell talking to gallery director Milena Kalinovska, who has been shortlisted for the Turner Prize. 11.50 Weather.

11.55 The Lords Today. Highlights of the day's proceedings in the Upper House. Ends at 12.15.

CHANNEL 4

2.15 Their Lordships' House. A repeat of last night's report on the day's proceedings in the Upper House.

2.30 Film: Fire Over England (1936) starring Laurence Olivier, Flora Robson, Vivien Leigh and Robert Newton. Period adventure set in Elizabethan England. Directed by William K. Howard.

4.05 Elizabethan Express.* A British Rail film, made in 1954, illustrating the delights of steam train travel on the 393 mile London to Edinburgh run.

4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner is challenged by Graham Green from Berkshire.

5.00 Film: Farewell Again* (1937) starring Leslie Banks, Flora Robson and Robert Newton. Drama set on board a troopship nearing Southampton. The passengers and crew are shocked to learn that all leave is cancelled and that when they arrive in Southampton they have only six hours ashore before returning to active service in the Far East. Directed by Tim Whelan.

6.30 The England of Elizabeth. A British Rail short celebrating the first Elizabethan age.

7.00 Channel Four news with Alastair Stewart and Nicholas Owen includes a report on the background to teachers' action on the day they lobby Parliament.

7.50 Comment from H. E. Son Sann, president of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front. Weather.

8.00 The People Trade. The fourth programme in the series about multinational companies and world-wide unemployment. Filmed in Enfield, north London, and Sri Lanka, tonight's programme examines the effects of having the Baby Belling cooker manufactured in Sri Lanka.

8.30 Iceland Breakthrough. The first in a new series of adventure documentaries. Paul Vander-Molen and Mick Coyne needed a challenge. Everest and the Amazon had been conquered, but not one of the toughest rivers in the world – Iceland's Jokulsa-a-Fjollum (see Choice).

9.30 Film on Four – Take 2: Runners (1983) starring Jane Asher and James Fox. Drama about the parents whose 11-year old daughter disappears. The mother accepts the worst but the father, even two years on, believes his daughter is still alive. Directed by Charles Sturridge (Oracle) (r).

11.30 Pottery Ladies. A profile of 83-year-old Susie Cooper, a potter, still working as a design consultant for Wedgewood.

11.55 Fairly Secret Army. Comedy series starring Geoffrey Palmer as ex-Major Truscott, trying to raise an army for the time when the 'raving lefties' try to take over the country (r).

12.20 Their Lordships' House. The day's proceedings in the House of Lords. Ends at 12.40.

Radio 4

On long wave. † also VHF stereo.

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming.

6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.

9.00 News.

9.05 The Living World. Peter France on the fate of animal corpses (r).

9.35 In Business. With Peter Smith (r).

10.00 News; Medicine Now. Geoff Watts on the health of medical care.

10.30 Morning Story: Right Royal Connection by Carol Ann Frazer. Reader: Margaret Ward.

10.45 An Act of Worship.†

11.00 News; Travel. Witness! Some of the 20,000 servicemen who witnessed British atmospheric nuclear tests in Australia and the South Pacific between 1952 and 1958, tell Derek Robinson about their experiences.

11.48 The Labours of Hercules. Vincent Kane follows Hercules's adventures in Britain in the summer of 1985 (r).

12.00 News: You and Yours, presented by Pattie Coldwell.

12.27 My Music. Steve Race chairs the panel game. With John Amis, Frank Muir, Ian Wallace and Denis Nordan (r).† 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World At One: News.

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.

2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes *Sarah Parker's account of the* wedding of Sophie and Dino at St Sophia's Orthodox Church.

3.00 The Afternoon Play: Coward of the Heart, by Sam McBratney. With Jane Leonard and Christopher Scott. Love story about the romance between Dorothy Osborne and William Temple in the 1600s. Based on Dorothy's letters to Temple.†

4.00 News.

4.05 Bookshelf. Hunter Davies presents the book programme (r).

4.35 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine with Paul Allen. Includes comment on the film Supergrass and Girls on Top (ITV) (r).

5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 News; Financial Report.

6.30 Round Britain Quiz (r) †

7.00 News.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 Any Questions? John Timpson reads listeners' responses to last week's Any Questions?.

7.40 The Stepfamily: 01-580 4411. Mavis Nicholson talks to adults and children who live in step families. Listeners can phone in for expert advice (lines open from 6.30pm).

9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for disabled listeners and their families.

9.30 The Archive Auction. With Kate Fenton.

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Christopher Bigsby presents the arts magazine. Includes comment on Hawtree's book Night and Day.

10.15 A Book At Bedtime: Plain or Ringlets? by R. S. Surtees (4) Reader: John Franklyn-Robbins. 10.29 Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Today in Parliament.

12.00 News; Weather.

12.33 Shipping.

VHF (available in England and S. Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 9.05-10.45 For Schools. 11.00-12.00 For Schools. 1.55-3.00pm For Schools. 1.55 Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-Time Broadcasting.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.

7.05 Morning Concert: Haydn's Symphony No 6 (Capella Clementina); Mozart's Entr'acte No 2, Thames, King of Egypt (RPO); Copland's Midday Thoughts (Bennett Lerner, piano); Berkeley's Sonatina (Galway, flute and Goldstone, piano); Purcell's An Evening Hymn (Deller, counter-tenor; Kuijken, bass viol; Christie, harpsichord); Suppé's overture Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna (Academy of St Martin-in-Fields).† 8.00 News.

8.05 Morning Concert (contd): Fauré's Impromptu Op 86 (Robles, harp); Roger de Coverley, arranged by Bridge (Delmé String Quartet); Mozart's Adagio in E major, K 261 (Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra); Vorisek's Symphony in D (ECO).† 9.00 News.

9.05 This Week's Composers: Rawsthorne and Alwyn. Rawsthorne's Sonata, 1934 (Levine, violin, and Lawson, piano); Alwyn's Symphony No 4.†

10.00 Boskovsky Conducts: Johann Strauss's Tales from the Vienna Woods (Johann Strauss Orchestra); Mozart's Divertimento in G, K 63 (Vienna Mozart Ensemble); Strauss's waltz Village Swallows from Austria (Johann Strauss Orchestra).†

10.50 Fauré and Britten: Alexander Baillie (cello) and Ian Brown (piano). Fauré's Sonata in D minor, Op 109; Britten's Sonata in C, Op 65.†

11.35 Beethoven: BBC Philharmonic (under Bishop-Kovacevich). Part one. Piano Concerto No 2.†

12.05 Six Continents: Ian McDougall with foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC (r).

12.25 Beethoven: Symphony No 2.† 1.00 News.

1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Jean-Jacques Kantorow (violin) and Antony Saunders (piano): Mozart's Sonata in G, K 379; Ravel's Sonata; Bartok's Romanian Dances.†

2.00 Haydn's Applausus: The first two movements from the Symphony No 38, and a Latin festival cantata dated 1768. London Classical Players, with John Toll, harpsichord and soloists Drower, Brian James, Neil Jenkins and Varcoe (bass).

4.00 Czech Piano Music: Radoslav Kvapil (piano). Smetana's Hulan from Czech Dances; Tempi's Five Studies; Janacek's On an Overgrown Path, Book 1; Martinu's Polka in E; Study in A; Polka in A; Study in F.† 4.55 News.

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Roger Nichols with a selection of recorded music.†

6.30 Bandstand: Leyland Vehicles Band play Howells's suite Pageantry; and Robert Lennon's Songs of the Aristos.†

7.00 The Road to Canterbury: David Wright's verse translation of Chaucer, with Douglas Leech as the Sea Captain. The narrator: John Franklyn-Robbins (5).

7.25 Jessonda: Spohr's three-act opera, sung in German. Austrian Radio SO and Choir (under Gerd Albrecht), with Cheryl Studer in the title role. Also in the cast: Doris Soffel and Thomas Moser. Act one.†

8.20 The Composer's Voice: David Garth plays Darius Milhaud in Milhaud and Jazz, from the composer's autobiographical writings.

8.40 Jessonda: acts two and three.†

10.00 Music in Our Time: Percussion ensemble music, played by Lontano. Jean-Pierre Guezec's Onze pour cinq; Maurice Ohana's Signes (with Gulliford, flute; and Paul Roberts, piano; and Monique Rollin, zithers); James Dillon's East 11th St, New York 10003.†

11.00 Cello and Piano: Noreen Silver (cello) and Philip Silver. Mendelssohn's Variations concertantes; Reizenstein's Cantilene; Kodaly's Cello Sonata, No 4.†

11.35 Bach on Record: choral music. The Cantata No 130: Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir (with soloists Amelling, Watts, Krenn and Krause/Pro Arte Choir of Lausanne/Suisse Romande Orchestra).†

11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown.

Radio 2

News on the hour. Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30. Sports Desks 1.05pm, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45 (MW) 9.55.

4.00am Colin Berry;† 6.00 Ray Moore.† 8.05 Ken Bruce.† 10.30 Jimmy Young. Food information from Tony De Angeli. 1.05 David Jacobs.† 2.00 Gloria Hunniford.† 3.30 Music All The Way.† 4.00 David Hamilton.† 6.00 John Dunn.† 8.00 Wally Whyton introduces Country Club. With Emmylou Harris. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The News Huddlines. Roy Hudd with Chris Emmett, Alison Steadman and The Hudditners. 10.30 Star Sound Extra (Nick Jackson). 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Charles Nove presents Nightride.† 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music.†

Radio 1

News on the half hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and at 12 midnight.

6.00am Adrian John. 7.30 Mike Read. 9.30 Simon Bates. 12.30pm Newsbeat (Frank Partridge). 12.45 Gary Davies. 3.00 Steve Wright. 5.30 Newsbeat (Frank Partridge). 5.45 Paul Jorden. 7.30 Janice Long. What chance is there of breaking into films and video? 10.00-12.00 Andy Kershaw.† VHF Radios 1 & 2: 4.00am As Radio 2. 10.00pm As Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am As Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Keep It In The Family. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Country Style. 8.30 John Peel. 9.00 News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Monitor. 10.00 News. 10.01 Hubert Gregg Remembers. 10.30 Frank Muir Goes Into . . . 11.00 News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 New Ideas. 11.25 A Letter from England. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Top Twenty. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 Brotherhood Of Brass. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 The Best of Folk. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 4.00 News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Assignment. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.08 A Letter From England. 5.15 A Jolly Good Show. 6.00 News. 6.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 9.15 A Jolly Good Show. 10.00 News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 A Letter From England. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 11.30 Nature Notebook. 11.40 The Farming World. 12.00 News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Music Now. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Brotherhood of Brass. 1.45 Book Choice. 1.50 In The Meantime. 2.00 News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Development '85. 2.30 The Art of Peter Pears. 3.00 News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Business Matters. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Country Style. 5.45 The World Today.

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FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m: VHF -90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz 1500m: VHF -92-95; LBC 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World Service MF 648kHz/483m.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC 1 WALES 9.30am-9.55 Masterteam. 9.55-10.30 Ceefax. 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 . . . So Far So Good. 12.00-12.30am Film 85. 12.30-12.35 News and weather. SCOTLAND 10.20am-10.30 Dotaman. 6.35-7.00 Reporting Scotland. 8.00-8.25 The Thursday File. 12.00-12.05am News and weather. NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Masterteam. 8.25-9.00 Spotlight. 12.00-12.05am News and weather. ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazine.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.25pm European Folk Tales. 12.40-1.00 Contact. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Man in Suitcase. 6.00 Crossroads. 8.25-7.00 News. 8.00-9.00 Falcon Crest. 10.30 Central Lobby. 11.00 No Problems! 11.30 Gymnastics. 12.30am Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Carson's Law. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Gardens for All. 8.00-9.00 Kojak. 10.35 Hawaii Five-O. 11.30 Gymnastics. 12.30am Postscript, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 The Baron. 6.00-6.35 North Tonight. 7.00-7.30 All Kinds of Country. 10.30 Party with the Rovers. 11.05 Crann Tara. 11.30 Gymnastics. 12.30am News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.25 Country Practice. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 This is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 8.00-9.00 Magnum. 10.30 New Avengers. 11.30 Gymnastics. 12.30am Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Carson's Law. 5.00 Channel Report. 6.15 Video Club. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 Home Cookery Club. 8.00-9.00 Kojak. 10.35 Hawaii Five-O. 11.30 Gymnastics. 12.30am Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.33 Home Cookery. 1.35-2.30 Falcon Crest. 3.30-4.00 Cross Wits. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 10.30 Shelley. 11.00 Regrets? 11.30 Gymnastics. 12.30am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Man in a Suitcase. 6.00-6.35 Northern Life. 8.00-9.00 Falcon Crest. 10.30 The Works. 11.30 Gymnastics. 12.30am God's Provision, Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Country Practice. 6.00-6.35 News. 8.00-9.00 Magnum. 10.30 Winter Outlook. 10.35 West This Week. 11.00 Paramount Short. 11.30 Gymnastics. 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 9.30am-10.09 Schools. 10.11-10.26 Looking Forward. 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.00 Wales This Week.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 7.00-7.30 Benson. 10.30 Second Revolution. 11.15 Jasper Carrott – I've got a Mole. 11.30 Gymnastics. 12.30am Thursday Topic, Closedown.

S4C Starts 1.00pm Countdown. 1.30 Alice. 2.00 Ffenestri. 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35 Hyn o Fyd. 2.55 Interval. 3.05 Scottish Fiddle Orchestra in Concert. 3.35 Years Ahead. 4.20 4 What it's Worth. 4.50 Hanner awr fwy. 5.30 Love Affair with Nature. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Dibendraw. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Bwrlwm Bro. 8.30 Dinas. 9.05 Hill Street Blues. 10.00 Painters Paintings. 12.10am Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Bodyline. 1.35-2.30 Hotel. 3.00 Candid Camera. 3.30-4.00 Survival. 6.00-6.35 News and Scotland Today. 8.00-9.00 Falcon Crest. 10.30 Crime Desk. 10.40 Cran Tara. 11.15 Weir's Way. 11.30 Gymnastics. 12.30am Late Call, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 New Avengers. 3.00 The Better Half. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 8.00-9.00 Magnum. 10.30 The Master. 11.30 Gymnastics. 12.30am News, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm Lunchtime. 1.30-2.30 Champions. 3.30-4.00 Survival of the Fittest. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.25-6.35 Police Six. 8.00-9.00 Magnum. 10.30 Counterpoint. 11.00 Barney Miller. 11.30 Gymnastics. 12.25am News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Calendar Lunchtime Live. 1.20 Calendar. 1.30-2.30 Carson's Law. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 8.00-9.00 Magnum. 10.30 V. 11.30 Gymnastics. 12.30am Closedown.

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† Stereo. ★ Black and white. (r) Repeat

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ART GALLERIES

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BRITISH MUSEUM, Great Russell St. WC1. The Acropolis at Athens. Mon-Sat 10-5. Sun 2.30-6. Adm free. Recorded info: 01-580 1788.

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BROWSE & DARBY, 19 Cork St. London W1. 734 7984. † W STEER. Loan Exhibition.

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JMB in dirty tricks, MP says

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

Mr David Walker, the Bank of England director who is chairman of Johnson Matthey Bankers, was last night accused of running a "dirty tricks and defamatory campaign" against Mr Brian Sedgemore, the Labour MP who has strongly criticized aspects of the Bank's JMB rescue operation.

Three Commons motions, tabled by Mr Sedgemore, last attacked Mr Walker's tactics, called for his resignation, and critized the Bank of England for making a "substantial gift" of a house at Regents Park, in London, to one of JMB's main debtors.

Mr Sedgemore, MP for Hackney South and Shoreditch, said in one of the motions that Mr Walker had been complaining to journalists that he was behaving improperly by raising the JMB issue in Parliament.

The motion then regreted "that the Bank of England through Dr David Walker should be involved in a dirty tricks and defamatory campaign in order to frighton off the MP.

It called on Mr Walker "to act in a less cowardly fashion by making his criticisms ... of the processes of parliamentary democracy openly, in public and in person".

Another motion noted that the Bank of England had released its charge on the home of one of the JMB debtors, Mr Mahmud Sipra, in return for £65,000 last June.

Mr Sipra' El Saeed group of companies is thought to have owed JMB about £50 million at the time of the bank's near-collapse with bad loans of £248 million just over year ago.

Mr Sedgemore's moton said that the £65,000 return price had been based on a valuation of £450,000 in Mr Sipra's home, 1 Chester Terrace, but that a "prestigious firm of estate agents" had valued the house at £535,000 18 months ago, that Chester Terrace properties had risen by £200,000 since the start of the year and that the house "is now being valued at £745,000".

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Men of the Year honoured at Savoy lunch



A survivor of the bombing of the Sir Galahad at Bluff Cove during the Falklands conflict, and a disabled competitor who completed this year's London Marathon were among nine "Men of the Year" who received awards from Mr Norman Tebbit yesterday at a lunch at the Savoy Hotel, London, sponsored by Access, the credit card company.

The award ceremony, held annually to honour those selected by Fleet Street newspapers, is expected to raise £40,000 for the Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation.

The men are (from left, above) Alan Williams, a former detective constable, who was blinded by a gunman; Dr Barry Powell, who helped to save a woman trapped after a gas blast; Chris Bonington, the mountaineer; Donald McKay, a lifeboat man, who rescued three men from a fishing boat in force eight gales; Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy who helped to win the release of four Britons detained in Libya; David Puttnam, producer of *The Killing Fields* and *Chariots of Fire*; Police constable John Myhill, for rescuing people from cliffs at Flamborough, Humberside, as coast guard auxiliary; Simon Weston, who was badly burnt and injured when the Sir Galahad was bombed; and Peter Hull (in front) who completed the London Marathon (Photograph: Chris Harris).

State Opening of Parliament

A rum way to run a restaurant . . .

The dignified and ceremonial part of the Constitution has its once-a-year day yesterday with the State Opening of Parliament. For the other 364 days the efficient parts or at any rate the politicians, rule. It is a bit like one fo those pretentious *nouvelle cuisine* restaurants, where the *patron* insists on talking through the menu in finger-licking detail to the last *mange-tout* and Kiwi fruit before letting his customers get down to business.

So the Sword of State is carried in as reverently as the carving knife at Simpson's, and the Lord Chancellor totters about like a doddering old waiter, who should have been pensioned off years ago, with the customers holding their breath in case he drops something. As *Maitresse d'Hôtel Britannique* the Queen looks the part, but lacks the vulgar huxtering arts of making the legislative programme of her Government for the next session sound mouth-watering, or even interesting.

To put at the top of the menu the state visit of the Amir of Qatar and her own state visit to Nepal is as *nouvelle cuisine* as making Brown Windsor Soup the Chef's special. The formal language and the cool delivery are as meaty as a cucumber sandwich, and as appetising as a glass of cold suet.

The old restaurant has been redecorated since last year: still Pugin's medieval revival scarlet and gold. I am afraid, gaudy without being rich. But at least it has been expensive for the tax-payer. The cook, or Prime Minister, is allowed up into the restaurant on this one day of the year, provided she stands at the back with the rest of the staff.

She had chosen to wear this year a Clint Eastwood, Wild West outfit of navy blue sombrero and royal blue scarf. The rest of the kitchen staff and waiters looked pretty scruffy, and are really more at home in their own place, where they are allowed to shout, and scoff, and do unspeakable things, in the soup.

There are many old favourites on this year's menu, as boring as reheated fish fingers. Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy; full support for the Commonwealth; firm monetary and fiscal policies designed to prevent inflation. These have been stock recipes of this cook and indeed some previous ones, for so long that the public refuses to order them.

In the sweetener section of the menu there was a firmish undertaking to reduce the burden of income tax. The chief poultry cook, Norman Fowler, is going to press ahead with his recipe to reform Social Security. This may sound bland, but is likely to turn out as hot as chicken vindaloo.

In the school lunch-hour section of the menu there is to be a bill to improve the management of schools and promote the professional effectiveness of teachers. These are consummations devoutly to be wished. But one wonders whether the educational chef will be able to cope. Last year there was uproar and indiscipline and insensitivity from his part of the kitchen.

Every cook has her or his little ways. Robert Carrier has a passion for smothering everything in rich sauces. Delia Smith is sounder on cake than fish. Our present cook has at present got a passion for privatization into her chef's bonnet. So next year we are promised, *Bombe* British Gas with privatization, *Bisque* of Atomic Energy Authority, *Délices* of British Airport Authority *Prive*, and *Bouillabaisse* of naval dockyards. At this rate we shall be having a bill to privatize the restaurant itself. But that would be going too far.

Today the efficient part of the Constitution gets back to work. The politicians will fall upon the meat in the Queen's Speech as greedily as garbage disposal units.

It may seem a rum and ritualistic way to run a restaurant. You may sometimes get served food that gives you the belly-ache or makes you vomit. But just once a year it is worth reminding ourselves of the roots of our restaurant. So much cleaner and more solid than most of those foreign cafés.

Philip Howard

Ulster deal moves one step closer

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

An agreement between the british and Irish governments on Northern Ireland moved a step nearer yesterday with a meeting of senior ministers at the Foreign Office.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, will report to the Cabinet today on yesterday's talks. Sir Geoffrey and Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, met Mr Dick Spring, the Irish Deputy Prime Minister, and Mr Peter Barry, Minister for Foreign Affairs.

They discussed outstanding issues which have to be resolved before Mr Margaret Thatcher and Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Irish Prime Minister, can meet to sign a deal, possibly this month.

The two-hour meeting took place against the background of further warnings by Ulster unionist leaders, during the Commons debate on the Queen's Speech, against giving the Republic a say in Ulster without the Northern Ireland people having a chance to vote on any agreement.

Yesterday's talks came after last week's meeting of the British Cabinet which was understood to have settled its attitude on the outlines of a deal.

Although officials declined to comment on the outcome of the talks, British sources expressed hope that an agreement would be struck. Another meeting at foreign minister level is possible before the summit.

Jaruzelski steps down

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Professor Messner, party sources say, has his list of changes ready. These include moving the Warsaw Communist Party chief Mr Marian Wozniak into the role of Economic Reform Minister, supplanting Dr Wladyslaw Baka who will become head of the national bank. One Deputy Premier, Mr Manfred Gorywoda will become the Central Committee Secretary in charge of the economy.

The idea is to cut through the muddled authority in the running of the economy, confusion that has often sparked off embarrassingly public rows and place it firmly in the hands of the Government.

Victims, as it emerged from Parliament's inaugural session yesterday, included another Deputy Premier, Mr Mieczyslaw Rakowski, an outspoken and unpopular champion of the Jaruzelski government. Mr Rakowski will be a Deputy Speaker in Parliament and chairman of a socio-economic council, thus taking him away from the centre of power.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen holds an Investiture, Buckingham Palace, 11.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visits Thomson House, Newcastle upon Tyne, 12.35; and later opens the Port of Tyne Authority's Coal Terminal at Tyne Dock, South Shields, 3.

Princess Anne, as Patron, the Riding for the Disabled Association, attends the national conference and annual meeting at the Pembroke Hotel, Blackpool, 10.

The Duke of Kent, as President, the Business and Technician Education Council, launches the Open Tec Project 'Updating for Business', The Mall Galleries, 11.55.

Prince Michael of Kent, as President, performs the opening ceremony of the new clinic at the Dogs' Home, Battersea, 11.30.

Princess Michael of Kent attends the Emmerdale Farm lunch given by the Variety Club of Great Britain, Queen's Hotel, Leeds, 12.30.

Exhibitions in progress

Victorian and Edwardian Ball Dresses; Harris Museum and Art Gallery, Market Sq, Preston; Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Jan 4).

The Game Conservancy – game and the English landscape; Havant Museum, East St, Tues to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Nov 16).

York Art Society – members' work; City Art Gallery, Exhibition Sq, York; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 5 (ends Nov 17).

Beyond Appearances – sculpture for the visually handicapped and sighted; Cooper Gallery, Church St, Barnsley; Tues 1 to 5.30, Wed to Sun 10 to 5.30, closed Mon (ends Dec 7).

Photographs by Douglas Innes and Ian Rubie; Maclaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Park, Ayr; Mon to Sat 11 to 5 (ends Nov 30).

Crafts for Christmas; Portland Gallery, High St, Southwold, Suffolk; Mon to Sat 9 to 1 and 2 to 5.30, closed Wed and Sun (ends Dec 21).

Work by Gray's former students' Aberdeen Art Gallery, Schoolhill; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Thurs 10 to 8, Sun 2 to 5, closed Sat (ends Nov 23).

Pre-Raphaelite Women; City Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Jan 2

Last chance to see

Drawings by John Kinnaid; Clay sculpture and drawings by Lesley Yendell; University Gallery, Leeds University, 10 to 5.

Music

Recital by Huw Rhys Evans (tenor) and Nigel Foster (piano); St Mary's Church, Aylesbury, 1.10.

Choral music by Fauré by the Belfast Cathedral Choir and Orchestra and Brian Raynor Cook (baritone); Belfast Cathedral, 7.30.

Concert by the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields Chamber Ensemble; Grosvenor Suite, Grand Hotel, Colmore Row, Birmingham, 7.30.

Concert by the Bingham String Quartet; Niccol Centre, Brewery Court, Cirencester, 7.30.

Recital by Jean-Jacques Kantorow (violin) and Antony Saunders (piano); St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol, 1.

Piano recital by Peter Donohoe; Lancaster University, 7.30.

Cello and piano recital by John O'Kane and Pauline Alstone; Liverpool Parish Church, Pier Head, 1.05.

Piano recital by Veronica McSwiney; Royal Exchange Theatre, St Anne's Sq, Manchester, 1.

Recital by Lorraine McAslan (violin) and John Blakely (piano); Solihull Library Theatre, 1.

Concert by the Endellion String Quartet; New Hall, College Walk, Winchester, 7.30.

Talks, lecture

Buildings, pictures and people in 17th century France, by Neil MacGregor; Attenborough Lecture Theatre 1, Leicester University, 5.15.

The Word at One: There's more to you than meets the eye; Berry Street Presbyterian Church, Smithfield, Belfast, 1.

What can and what cannot be said about time, by Prof John Tucker; Queen's Building, Exeter University, 4.30.

What did ancient Greece and Crete look like? by Dr Oliver Rackham; Curtis Auditorium, School of Physics, Newcastle University 5.30.

Hungarian Arts in Glasgow: Revolution and construction, by Paul Overy; Third Eye Centre, 7.30

General

1985 Caravan Camping Holiday Show; Earls Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Rd, London SW5, 10 to 8 daily, Fri 10 to 10, last day 10 to 6, (until Nov 17).

Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge will be lifted at approximately 8.30am today.

Anniversaries

Births: Marie Curie, Nobel laurette (physics) 1903 and (chemistry) 1911, Warsaw, 1867; Sir Chandrasekhara Raman, physical Nobel laureate, 1930, Trichinopoly (Tiruchirappalli), India, 1888.

Deaths: Leo Tolstoy, (new style Nov 20), Astapovo, Russia 1910; Alfred Wallace, naturalist, Broadstone, Dorset, 1913.

New books – paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

FICTION

The Room Upstairs, by Norma Levinson (New English Library, £2.50)

NON–FICTION

A Book of One's Own, People and Their Diaries, by Thomas Mallon (Pan, £3.50)

Adorned in Dreams, Fashion and Modernity, by Elizabeth Wilson (Virago, £5.95)

A Knight at the Opera, by Sir Geraint Evans (Futura, £3.50)

Bismarck, by A.J.P. Taylor (Hamish Hamilton, £4.95)

John Masefield, by Constance Babington-Smith (Hamish Hamilton, £4.95)

Liber Amoris, by William Hazlitt, introduction by Michael Neve (The Hogarth Press, £3.95)

Life at Giverny, by Claude Monet, preface by Gerald van der Kemp (Thames & Hudson, £12.95)

The Lyttleton Hart-Davies Letter, volumes one and two, 1955-1957, edited by Rupert Hart-Davies (John Murray, £7.95)

Two Under the Indian Sun, A Memoir of the Days of the Raj, by Jon and Rumer Godden (Papermac, £4.95)

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Best wines

In a blind tasting of 43 white wines made from the Sauvignon grape, the following were judged excellent value:

1984 Mildara Coonawarra Sauvignon Blanc, Hicks & Hayes, 01-942 8813, £6.50; **1984 Sancerre Clos des Roches**, Vacheron, Caves de la Madeleine, 01-351 5863, £5.75; **1982 Robert Mondavi Napa Valley Fumé Blanc**, Geoffrey Roberts, 01-740 0053, £7.10; **1983 Bellaterra**, Miguel Torres Chile, Alex Findlater, 01-624 7311, £4.29; **1983 Landgoed Le Bonheur Blanc Fumé**, H. C. Collison, 01-839 6407, £4.45; **1983 Rosemount Estate Sauvignon Blanc**, Kershaws, 01-446 2128 or Oddbins, 01-481 2944, £4.50; **1984 Rosemount Estate Sauvignon Blanc**, Threshers, 0707-328244, £4.99; **1982 Montana Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc**, Oddbins, 01-481 2944, £3.50; **1982 Fetzer Fumé Blanc**, Great American Food and Wine Co, 01-660 6304, £4.58; **1981 Mondavi Napa Valley Fumé Blanc Reserve**, Geoffrey Roberts, 01-740 0053, £8.50; **1985 Rosemount Estate Sauvignon Blanc**, J. Sainsbury, 01-921 6659, £4.95; **1983 Dry Creek Sonoma County Fumé Blanc**, Geoffrey Roberts, 01-740 0053, £7.30; **1984 Selaks Sauvignon Blanc**, Pacific Wines, 09905-6270, £5.20.

Source: *What Wine*, November 1985.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Continuation of debate on the Queen's Speech.

Lords (3): Continuation of debate on the Queen's Speech.

£10,000 bonds

The winning numbers in this month's £10,000 Premium Bond prizes are: 33AB 963746 (winner lives in Shropshire); 10BF 172075 (Swansea); 11BT 733581 (Warwickshire); 7EL 720689 (Bristol); 11SK 999246 (East Sussex).

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.25	2.12
Austria Sch	27.30	25.90
Belgium Fr	78.60	74.80
Canada $	2.04	1.96
Denmark Kr	14.02	13.32
Finland Mkk	8.30	7.90
France Fr	11.74	11.20
Germany DM	3.86	3.66
Greece Dr	260.00	250.00
Hong Kong $	11.45	10.85
Ireland Pt	1.255	1.195
Italy Lire	2610.00	2480.00
Japan Yen	311.00	293.00
Netherlands Gld	4.35	4.15
Norway Kr	11.53	11.01
Portugal Esc	242.00	230.00
South Africa Rd	4.05	3.50
Spain Pta	227.00	225.00
Sweden Kr	11.64	11.08
Switzerland Fr	3.18	3.02
USA $	1.495	1.425
Yugoslavia Dnr	840.00	510.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC.

Retail Price Index: 378.5.

London: The *FT* index closed up 7.8 at 1081.3.

Roads

Wales and West: M5: One lane open northbound between junction 14 (Thornbury) and 13 (Stroud); three lanes closed southbound for half a mile S of junction 17 (Bristol W); hard shoulder only; long delays. **M4:** Two sets of contraflow between junctions 22 and 23, Chepstow to Magor; eastbound delays; no eastbound entry at junction 23. **A358:** Roadworks on the Shaftesbury to Blandford road, between Cann Hill and Compton Abbas, Dorset; delays signposted, diversions for large vehicles.

The North: M18: Contraflow between junctions 6 (Selby) and 7 (M62); northbound carriageway closed. **M62:** Roadworks between junctions 32 (A639 Castleford) and 33 (A1); contraflow. **A1(M):** Contraflow on northbound carriageway from Carrville Interchange to S of Belmont Bridge; delays.

Scotland: A9: Roadworks at various locations between Perth and Dunkeld, on the Perth to Inverness road. **M8:** Outside lanes of both carriageways closed at the Hillington interchange (junction 26); delays at peak times. **M74:** Surface repairs between junction 4 and 5 of junction 3 near Hamilton; southbound carriageway closed; contraflow on the northbound.

Information supplied by the AA

The papers

The *Star* says that Mrs Thatchers' "vote catching technique" was seen at its best in yesterday's Queen's Speech with the announcement that a series of stern measures would be introduced to combat rising crime and the drugs problem. It adds: "as for the rest of the Government's message – it was a depressing mish-mash of crass complacency."

"The Queen's speech is not a legislative plan drafted by a 'do little' or 'consolidating' government. It is bold. It gives the lie to those who feared the Government, in the middle of its second term, was losing its vigour", says the Daily Express. It adds: "The Government has come up with many good and important measures. Now ministers must show skill and resolve in introducing them."

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

Monday–Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to claim

Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-53272 between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm, on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.

The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

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Weather

Pressure will be low over Scandinavia; a further depression forming in mid Atlantic will move towards NW Scotland during the day as a weak ridge of high pressure crosses the British Isles.

London, East Anglia, Midlands, E, central N, NE England: Mainly dry, some bright or sunny intervals; wind W backing SW moderate; max temp 11C (52F).

SE, SW England, Channel Islands: Mainly cloudy, occasional mainly light rain; wind SW moderate; max temp 12C (54F).

Borders, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll: Becoming cloudy, occasional rain with snow over hills spreading from N; wind W strong backing S light or moderate; max temp 9C (48F).

Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland: Cloudy with occasional rain and snow over hills at first, brighter and drier weather with some wintry showers spreading from W; wind NW light or moderate; max temp 8C (46F).

Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals and wintry showers; wind NW fresh or strong, decreasing light later; max temp 4C (39F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Most places will start cloudy with outbreaks of rain, but drier weather with sunny intervals and showers will spread to all but the extreme SE during tomorrow; On Saturday all areas will have sunny intervals and showers, these merging at times to give longer periods of rain, chiefly in the extreme N.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Winds W strong to gale, locally severe gale for a time, backing SW fresh; occasional rain; visibility moderate or good; sea very rough becoming rough. **English Channel (E):** Winds SW strong occasionally gale; occasional rain; visibility moderate or good; sea rough. **Irish Sea:** Winds W backing SE strong, occasionally gale at first, occasional rain; visibility moderate or good; sea rough.

Sun rises: 7.05am Sun sets: 4.28pm
Moon sets: 2.44pm Moon rises: 1.02am tomorrow

New Moon: November 12.

Lighting-up time

London 4.53 pm to 6.38 am
Bristol 5.03 pm to 6.48 am
Edinburgh 4.50 pm to 7.04 am
Manchester 4.55 pm to 6.51 am
Penzance 5.19 pm to 6.54 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	c	7	45	Guernsey	s	11	52
Birmingham	s	8	46	Inverness	c	3	37
Blackpool	c	9	48	Jersey	s	10	50
Bristol	s	11	52	London	f	10	50
Cardiff	r	9	48	Manchester	c	6	43
Edinburgh	r	4	39	Newcastle	r	7	45
Glasgow	r	7	45	Roundsway	c	10	50

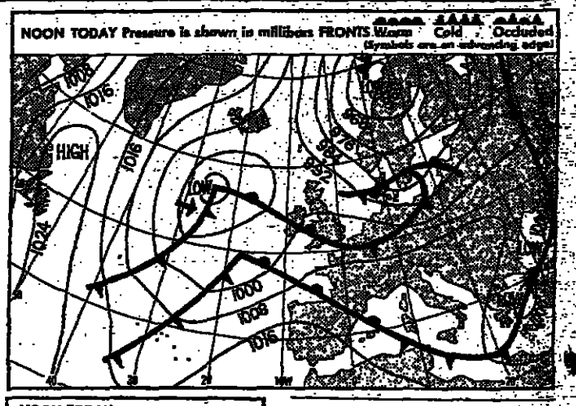
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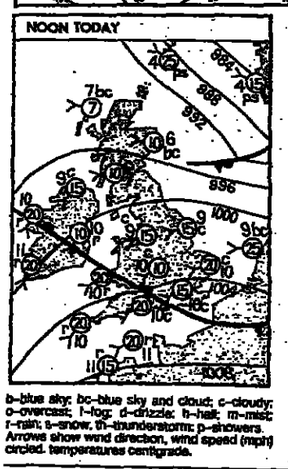
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Humidity: 6 pm, 65 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 7.8 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1003.3 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.54in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Penzance 13C (55F); lowest day min: Aviemore 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Nelst Point 0.51in; highest sunshine: Folkestone 8.8hr.

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b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow, th–thunderstorms; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures centigrade.

High tides

TODAY

	AM	Ht	PM	Ht
London Bridge	7.44	6.4	8.46	7.0
Aberdeen	8.36	3.4	8.40	3.5
Avonmouth	12.52	9.2	1.17	9.5
Belfast	5.54	2.7	6.14	2.8
Cardiff	12.37	8.9	1.16	9.1
Devonport	11.58	4.5		
Dover	5.39	5.2	6.29	5.2
Falmouth	11.28	4.9		
Glasgow	6.58	3.9	7.05	4.2
Harwich	5.56	3.4	6.51	3.5
Holyhead	5.28	4.3	5.47	4.6
Hull	12.08	5.6	1.33	6.2
Ilfracombe	12.19	8.6	12.57	8.9
Leith	9.40	12.4	10.04	12.5
Liverpool	5.56	7.1	6.25	7.2
Lowestoft	3.11	2.1	5.08	2.1
Margate	6.21	3.9	7.18	4.0
Milford Haven	12.35	4.9	1.18	5.3
Newquay			12.13	5.4
Oban	1.26	2.9	1.39	3.2
Penzance	11.18	4.5		
Portland	1.18	1.4	1.17	1.5
Portsmouth	9.07	5.8	8.53	6.1
Shoreham	5.45	4.8	6.22	4.9
Southampton	6.01	3.6	6.18	3.7
Swansea	12.34	6.9	1.13	7.3
Tees	10.59	4.2	11.08	4.4
Walton-on-Naze	5.54	3.2	6.09	3.4

Tide measurement in metres; 1m=3.28ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	4.8	.03	7	45	Sunny am
Bridlington	3.9	.01	9	48	Cloudy
Cromer	5.7	–	11	52	Sunny
Lowestoft	6.3	–	8	46	Sunny
Clacton	6.3	–	10	50	Sunny
Margate					
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	8.8	–	10	50	Sunny
Hastings	8.6	–	10	50	Sunny
Eastbourne	8.6	–	11	52	Sunny
Brighton	8.7	–	11	52	Sunny
Worthing	8.5	–	11	52	Sunny
Littlehmptn	8.1	–	11	52	Sunny
Bognor R	8.5	–	11	52	Sunny
Southsea	8.7	–	11	52	Sunny
Sandown	8.1	–	11	52	Sunny
Shanklin	7.2	–	10	50	Sunny
Bournemth	7.3	–	11	52	Sunny
Poole	7.0	–	12	54	Sunny
Swanage	7.6	–	12	54	Sunny
Weymouth	7.4	–	12	54	Sunny
Ex mouth	5.1	.02	12	54	Sunny
Teignmouth	5.5	.02	12	54	Sunny
Torquay	6.6	–	13	55	Sunny
Falmouth	6.3	–	13	55	Sunny
Penzance	6.6	.02	13	55	Sunny
Jersey	5.0	.05	13	55	Bright
Guernsey	4.4	.04	12	54	Sunny am
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	4.8	.02	13	55	Sunny
Newquay	3.5	.02	13	55	Cloudy pm

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Ilfracombe		.01	12	54	Cloudy am
Teeby	–	.01	12	54	Cloudy p
Cobyn Bay	2.9	.16	11	52	Cloudy am
Southport					
Morecambe	0.6	.16	10	50	Showers
Douglas	0.3	.20	9	48	Showers
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Cen)	7.9	–	12	54	Sunny
Hthrow (Airp)	5.1	–	10	50	Sunny
Bristol (Cen)	5.2	.04	11	52	Showers am
Cardiff (Cen)	4.3	.12	11	52	Showers
Anglesey	2.5	–	11	52	Bright
B'pool (Airp)	0.5	.10	10	50	Showers
Manchester	1.4	.17	10	50	Heavy
Nottingham	3.6	.06	8	46	Showers
N'cstle-on-Tyne	2.4	–	8	46	Rain pm
Carlisle	1.0	.13	9	48	Rain
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	–	.10	7	45	Raingall
Prestwick	–	.13	10	50	Rain
Glasgow	–	.24	9	48	Rain
Tiree	–	.20	10	50	Showers
Stornoway	–	.27	7	45	Heavy
Lerwick	3.7	.04	4	39	Rain
Wick	–	.24	5	41	Showers
Kinloss	0.7	.13	8	43	Snow
Aberdeen	1.7	.26	5	41	Showers
St Andrews					
Edinburgh	0.6	.10	8	46	Rain
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	–	.02	7	45	Raingall

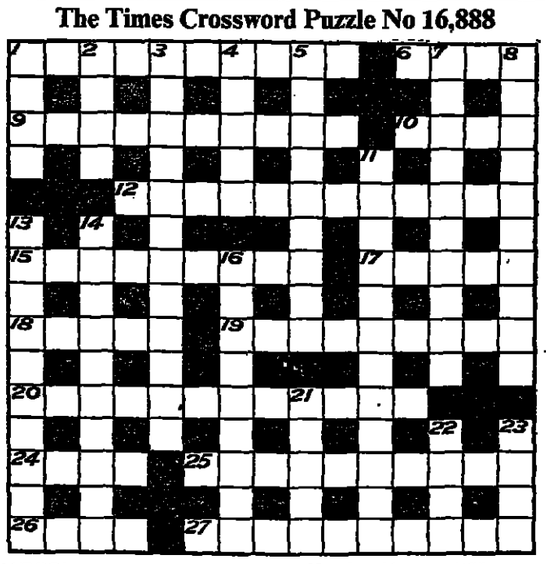
Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	f	19	66	Cologne	c	8	46	Majorca *	s	24	75	Nice	f	27	79
Alcudia	f	23	73	Copenhagen	r	5	41	Malaga *	f	25	77	Salzburg	f	3	37
Alexandria	s	28	82	Corfu	r	20	68	Malta	f	24	75	Sao Paulo *	c	19	66
Algiers	c	24	75	Dublin	c	9	48	Miami *	s	27	81	S.Francisco *	s	16	61
Amsterdam	r	7	45	Dubrovnik *	r	18	61	Mexico C *	s	15	59	Santiago *	s	29	84
Athens	f	20	68	Faro	s	23	73	Milan	s	21	70	Seattle *	s	11	52
Bahrain	s	27	81	Florence	f	21	70	Montreal *	r	5	43	Singapore *	s	29	84
Barbados *	s	29	84	Frankfurt	f	8	46	Moscow	c	3	37	Stockholm	c	10	50
Barcelona *	f	23	73	Funchal	c	24	75	Munich	r	4	39	Sydney *	c	22	72
Beirut				Geneva	c	7	45	Nairobi				Tangier	f	22	72
Belgrade	r	11	52	Gibraltar	c	23	73	Naples	f	19	66	Tel Aviv	s	27	81
Berlin	f	7	45	Helsinki	r	5	41	New Delhi	s	27	81	Tenerife	f	24	75
Bermuda *	f	25	77	Hong Kong	s	27	81	New York *	c	15	59	Tokyo	c	15	59
Biarritz	f	14	57	Innsbruck	f	8	46	Nice	s	18	64	Toronto *	c	9	48
Bologne	f	9	48	Istanbul	f	17	63	Oslo	c	2	36	Tunis	r	20	68
Bordeaux	f	14	57	Jakarta	s	32	90	Paris	f	11	52	Valencia	f	24	75
Brussels	f	8	46	Jo'burg *	s	28	82	Perth	s	31	88	Vancouver *	f	12	54
Budapest	f	11	52	Karachi *	s	32	90	Peking	c	15	59	Venice	c	11	52
Buen Aires *	s	27	81	Las Palmas	s	25	77	Perth	s	31	88	Vienna	c	11	52
Cairo	s	27	81	Lisbon	c	21	70	Prague	r	3	37	Warsaw	c	11	52
Cape Tn	c	19	67	Locarno	s	16	61	Reykjavik	sn	-2	28	Washington *	c	9	48
Chicago *	c	13	55	L Angeles *	c	18	64	Rhodes	f	20	68	Wellington *	c	12	54
Colombo *	s	30	86	Luxemburg	f	6	43	Riyadh	s	27	81	Winnipeg *	c	4	39
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* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,888



ACROSS

1 Am I able to turn clergyman out? (10).
6 Employer and unions endeavour to be extremely selective (4).
9 Put-up job (10).
10 Bird Al gets for making excuses (4).
12 Political address certainly in standard English (6,6).
15 Language two boys used about redhead (9).
17 It doesn't reduce don's standing, however (5).
18 Impish model fine in part (5).
19 Nut-tree I chop as it is damaged (9).
20 Brilliant strokes can make Ted runs, of course (5,2,5).
24 Third man's replacement positioned at end of pitch (4).
25 Considering girl's language less than polite (10).
26 Thin, like Jonson (4).
27 Growing peace of mind (6-4).

DOWN

1 Island on edge of Atlantic (4).
2 Balls for a medal round (4).
3 Ethical system infamous in two centuries after Reformation (12).
4 Poet's ahead of time with right articles (5).
5 Host in midsummer? (9).
7 Beat chaser somehow, in the case of cavalryman (10).
8 Rely on school to produce plant (4-6).
11 Written submissions in exceptional instances (7,5).
13 TV is dearer alternative for him (10).
14 Watch part of match on horse (4-6).
16 First person in two cases includes summary that's vague (9).
21 Pound, formerly sovereign (5).
22 City renowned for its listed building (4).
23 Fever finishing off Romeo's kinsman (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,887

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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

November 7, 1985

Undergraduates need a new attitude to business and industry to meet career expectations, says Robert Worcester



Three adults in four in Great Britain believe that "large companies are essential for the nation's growth and expansion"; more surprisingly, an even higher proportion (78 per cent) of young people, 15-24 years old, do so too. And even more surprisingly, as many as two thirds of final year undergraduates believe this. Three out of four undergraduates in their final year reject the idea that "working in industrial or business jobs you make little contribution to society".

Yet in meeting after meeting, captains of industry express the view that young people generally and undergraduates in particular are anti-business and industry. And to some extent they are right, if for the wrong reasons.

It is not, by and large, that students reject the need for large companies, nor that they fail to recognize the role of business in British society, it is more that there seems to be a mismatch between who they perceive themselves to be and what they want from a career, and what they understand business is all about.

Each year since the early 1970s Market & Opinion Research International (Mori) has carried out a survey of the attitudes of final-year undergraduates towards careers on behalf of a number of employers both in the public and private sectors, including the Armed Services, the Civil Service and such major employers as ICI, GEC, IBM and Esso.

The interviews, with more than 1,000 students in 18 universities across Britain, are conducted just before the spring break, when, we have learned, most have already applied for jobs with prospective employers and nearly half have already had interviews.

When shown a list of attributes and asked to describe themselves, most final-year undergraduates see themselves as "liking to work with people", "having a broad outlook on life", and want to do something "useful" and "responsible" in their careers. Engineers are more likely to choose such phrases as "having a technical mind", being "practical", and "realistic", while arts are more likely than others to identify themselves with the people aspects.

Only four in 10 undergraduates interviewed thought of themselves as hard working or as having initiative and only a quarter as having leadership (and this included only one in five science and maths students).

When asked which factors influence their career choice, material considerations rated relatively lowly. Of the 26 factors measured, high starting salary ranked 10th, chosen by only 16 per cent in 1985, similar to earlier years. In the seven years starting in 1979, salary considerations ranked between 9th (1984 and 16th (1983). Long-term employment security, chosen by 15 per cent in 1985, a company car (2 per cent) and a good pension scheme (2 per cent) were other low-flyers.

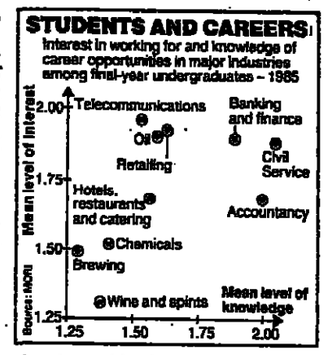
Instead, a "sufficient intellectual challenge" (49 per cent), "opportunity to work with people rather than things" (36 per cent), "responsibility" (33 per cent) and "opportunity to be creative and original" (32 per cent) are this year's (and earlier years' as well) highly chosen factors. Some attributes that most businessmen might think would be chosen rate lowly, for example, "opportunity to manage others" (11 per cent), "social status and prestige" (7 per cent) and "academic environment" (6 per cent) – and are consistently rated important by only a few students in each year's survey.

Broadcasting and journalism is selected by a quarter of all graduates as a field in which they would like to work and by nearly half of arts graduates. The leading choice among engineers and technology students is engineering project work (53 per cent) while maths and science students chose research and development (36 per cent) and computing (27 per cent). One in five would like to teach while one in six would go into academic research or lecturing if they could, and 13 per cent into social welfare and 12 per cent into the Civil Service.

Many businessmen would be surprised to find that 19 per cent of those interviewed say they would opt for marketing/sales, 18 per cent general management, 13 per cent personnel management and 15 per cent advertising/public relations. And I expect they would be surprised at how few, rather than how many, would choose to go into the City (banking/finance/insurance) (14 per cent) or accountancy.

When considering the sources of information most useful in determining which type of career to follow, final-year undergraduates tell us that having talks with people who work in the field (36 per cent), work experience/vacation work (32 per cent) and talking to fellow students (22 per cent) are the more important sources. Less direct sources such as information in the press, radio and television career directories and recruitment brochures are further down the list.

While obtaining information on specific employers, however, these sources come into their own. The most often mentioned source at this step in the selection process being recruitment brochures (23 per cent) followed by literature written by the university careers office (17 per cent) and then, again, talks with people already working in the field (16 per cent).



It is generally true that familiarity breeds favourability, not contempt. The more knowledgeable people feel they are about a company, the better they regard it. Among the public there is a high correlation between how well people feel they know a company and how favourable they are towards it. This leads them to be more likely to buy its products, to try new products launched by it, buy its shares, and, in this context, to apply for a job with it.

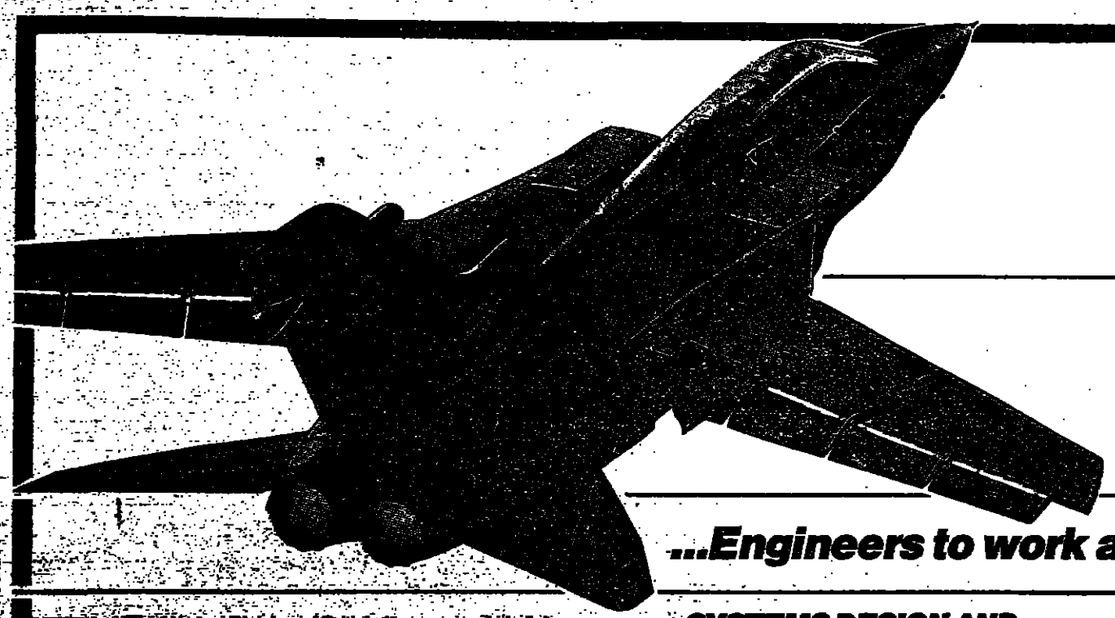
The scatter diagram indicates that final-year undergraduates believe they know relatively more about the Civil Service and about accountancy. But this high level of knowledge is not matched by a correlating high level of interest in a career in these areas while oil, telecommunications and retailing are of greater interest to undergraduates than would be expected, given their relatively lower knowledge of these industries.

It would seem that today's finals-year undergraduate sees nothing wrong with a job in business and industry, where one is to be found. Most have applied for a job by March, including more than half of those headed for public service and more than seven in 10 of those interested in such careers as the City/accountancy, research and development/technology, marketing/sales, and computing, and more than half of students headed towards careers in those fields have already had interviews with prospective employers by the spring break.

The message to the student coming out of the study seems to be apply early and often, and think if the way you see yourself is the way an employer would wish to see you. And for the prospective employer, the question the findings raise is to what degree is the career offered matching the career expectations of the prospective employee.

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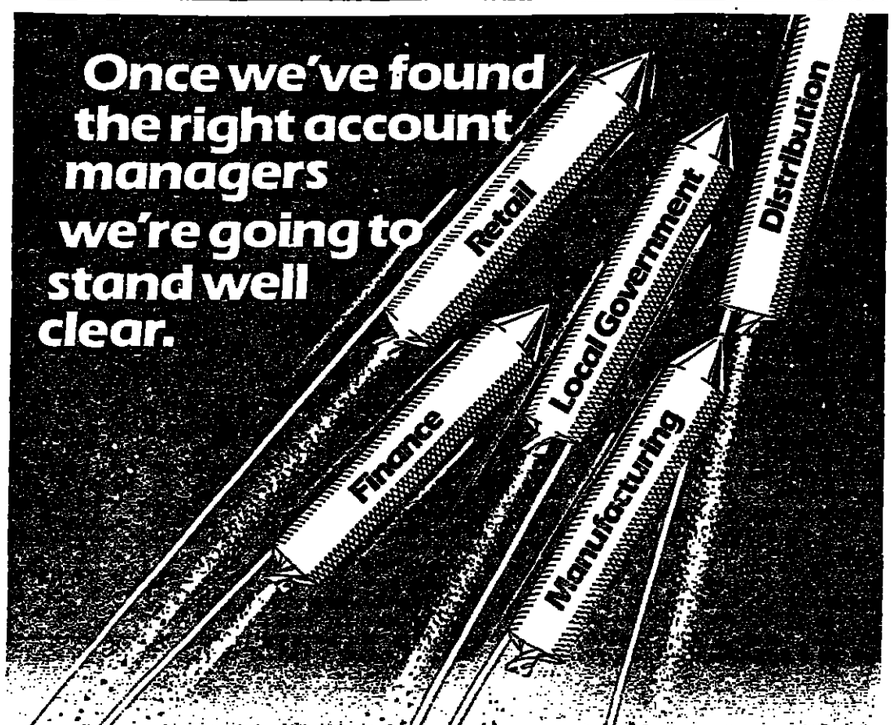
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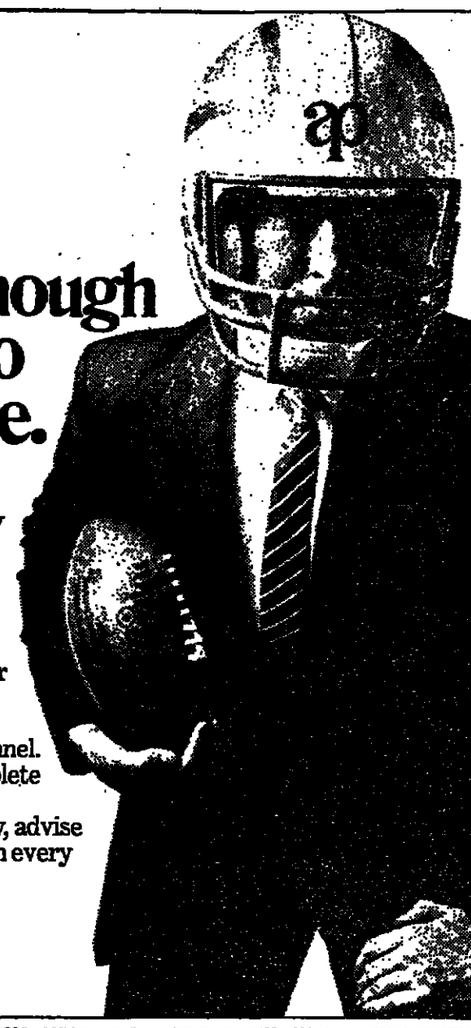
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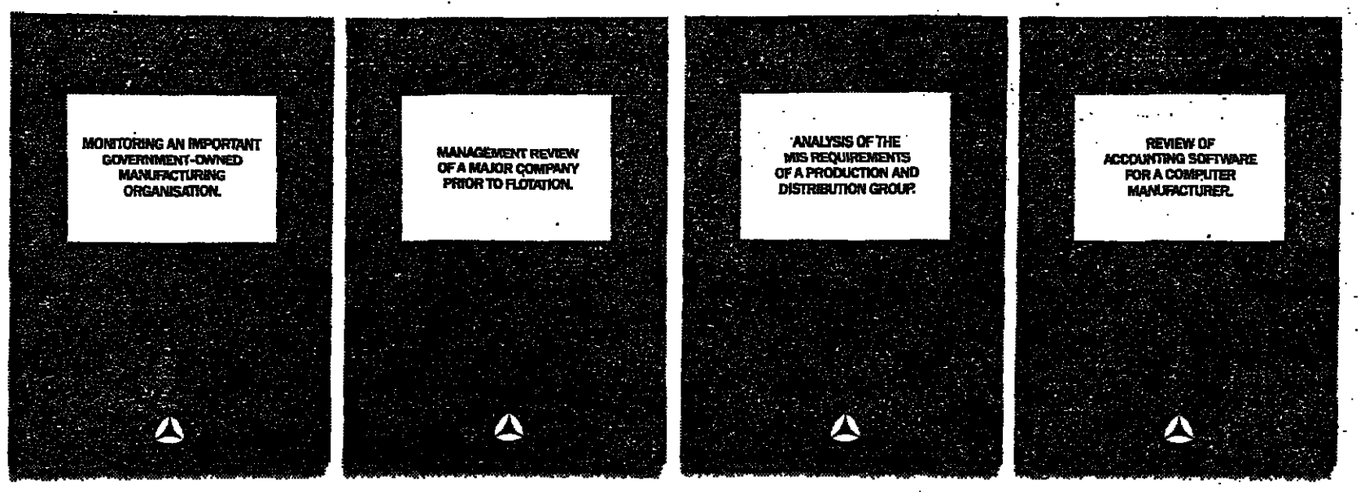
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A guide to career development

Leaping that great divide

Why can't colleges bridge the gap between learning and doing, wonders Max Taylor

What is the point of an arts degree? Why spend three years learning philosophy or old French, then go off to manage a bank? The most convincing answer was suggested by Matthew Arnold 100 years ago: "Getting to know, on all that most concerns us, the best that has been thought and said in the world... Turning a stream of fresh and free thought upon our stock notions and thoughts, which we now follow staunchly and mechanically."

If a degree course does that, it certainly has its value.

Matthew Arnold went on to draw the vital distinction between learning to think and learning to do. "Now and for us it is a time to praise knowing," he wrote, "for we have over-valued doing."

"Now and for us" meant Victorian merchants and iron-masters, ransacking the globe for profit and the flag. Certainly his arguments had a powerful effect; since his day our education system has galloped after pure knowledge to the point where our incapacity for action has become a world joke. Yet Arnold himself warned against precisely this danger: shades of the moral feebleness of the late Roman world, waiting for the barbarians to jump over the wall (an outlook not unknown in college today).

The fact is that learning and doing use different mental muscles and require different qualities and different skills. The fault of our system is that 15 years are spent acquiring knowledge before the real action begins. There is a great gulf to be crossed at the age of 18 or 21 and too many get stuck in the middle.

The general skills of getting things done

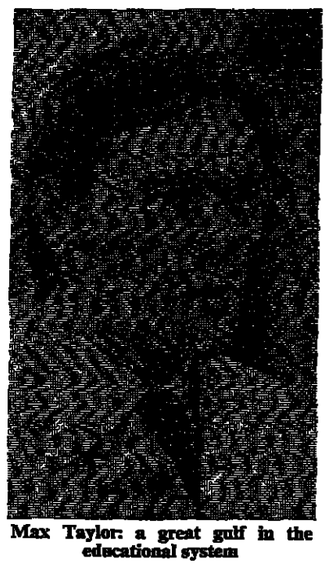
Can higher education do anything about this? Can practical ability actually be learnt? To have any hope of answering these questions it is first essential to examine what lies behind successful activity – the skills and qualities that distinguish an able man or woman from a dud.

This question has hardly been asked in recent years. The best evaluation is still Aristotle's, who comes out with a set of qualities which include motivation, reasoning ability, technical skills, moral qualities and "practical wisdom", or in modern trainer's jargon, "process skill". The first three of these are fairly obvious: the last two are unknown quantities in education, even though they are keys to the rest.

Process skill is a dreary and misleading term for a vital part of working life. It means the generalized skills of getting things done: planning, organizing, leading, persuading, listening, co-operating and many others. What is crucial about these is that any successful activity depends on them; the best banker or logic designer in the world is useless unless he or she can plan and communicate.

What is more, these skills *can* be taught: officers have been trained in leadership for centuries; management training has dealt with process skills as a distinct subject for more than 30 years.

What students need as an essential part of their education is some knowledge of their own practical abilities. Generally they know all about their thinking skills, but their capacity for action is a closed book. This is a serious block in the process of choosing a career, although one that training (combined with self-assessment) can fairly easily overcome.



Max Taylor: a great gulf in the educational system

It may seem equally unfamiliar to be talking about moral development. Until 100 years ago there was no argument about its place in higher education. Universities were Christian institutions and moral development played as important a part as it still does in Islamic (or even Communist) universities. When religion waned there were plenty of philosophers around to preach that morality means doing whatever you fancy.

The trouble is, without a range of moral qualities, you cannot actually do what you fancy; you merely flop. Qualities such as determination and enterprise are needed by effective sinners as much as saints. Essentially, these "virtues" consist of a sort of emotional habit – having the right feeling at the right time. A brave soldier is one who, when he is shot at, feels professional pride more strongly than fear.

This point needs to be grasped when one comes to look at the softer virtues, like kindness and sympathy. At first sight they have little to do with success – ruthlessness is much more the ticket. But if you have the habit of sympathy you will in turn be liked. If, on the other hand, you develop the *habit* of trampling on other people's feelings, you will soon stub your toes on very practical problems.

It is a matter of balance. You may need to behave on occasion in a way that appears ruthless. The rot sets in when you start to enjoy that aura.

Moral qualities cannot be taught, but they can be developed in the right bracing environment. Once again, armies have been doing it for thousands of years. It can be a teach-yourself activity, buiding up habits one step at a time, like working towards the top diving board, and using skill to encourage yourself, somewhat like whistling in the dark.

If higher education is to do its job properly, it must at least take some responsibility for its effects. Too often it is seen as the home of moral flabbiness.

To find where the better kind of approach is made, you have to look

Some universities run leadership courses

hard. You are more likely to find it in parts of the Youth Training Scheme – "personal effectiveness" is meant to be one of the outcomes

One or two universities run courses in leadership, which is at least a step in the right direction, although it is probably the wrong skill to kick off with. And even here if you ask who gets this training you will be told, "Oh, engineers and such – but not the intelligent ones, of course." In fact the link between high intelligence and practical ability is pretty tenuous: dons do not always make action people.

I am not arguing for bloody revolution on the campus. All that is needed is a few weeks on the development of skills, the inclusion of a few testing activities which are not purely intellectual.

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PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS ☎ 01-278 9161/5

GATESHEAD 1990
NATIONAL GARDEN FESTIVAL
PROJECT OFFICER

Grade PO 14 £15,831-£16,908

The site of the 1990 National Garden Festival covers some 200 acres around the confluence of the River Tyne and the River Team in the heart of Gateshead's Inner Area. The land is derelict, having been the site of a Gas Works and a Coke Works. The challenge of turning the site into a Garden Festival in less than 5 years time is obvious. Equally challenging are the planning of the event itself and the responsibility of ensuring that the Festival provides a clear long-term benefit, justifying the planned expenditure of over £30 million.

The Council and its Festival Company are taking the lead in preparation for 1990. A Core Team has been established to bring together the disciplines needed to progress quickly across a wide span of issues. The Council is now seeking to appoint someone with the necessary experience and qualities to lead the work of the Core Team and take day to day responsibility for co-ordination of the Council's work programme. The postholder will report directly to the Chief Executive. This is the first of three appointments to be made. A Festival Director and Marketing Manager will be recruited by the Festival Company by April 1986.

Local Government experience is essential. The work entails inter-disciplinary working and understanding of the roles of professional officers in both a corporate and departmental sense. Although no specific qualification is demanded, it is likely that the person appointed will have senior management experience in a relevant discipline. The appointment will be a permanent position and normal Local Government conditions of service will apply.

For further details please write or telephone: The Director of Personnel and Management Services, Aidan House, Tynegate Precinct, Gateshead, NE8 3EL. (Telephone 091 477 0612).

The closing date for applications is Wednesday 20th November 1985.

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Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council

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Informal discussions welcomed by Bryan Harrison, District General Manager (01-272 3070 ext. 4120)

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For more information contact the Managing Director by telephone, Bristol (0272) 779511, or by writing with a full Curriculum Vitae to M W Mills at Stag Plastics Limited, Unit A, St Vincents Trading Estate, Feeder Road, Bristol BS2 0UY.

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

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ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

£11,223 p.a.

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Please telephone 01-969 7511 for job description or write to the Director, NKAT, 1 Thorpe Close, London W10 5XL.

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